SLIDING WINDOWS (slides horizontally)

- There are several styles of key locks that suit sliding windows. It is a good idea to fit a metal or wooden rod in the lower track of the window to give added protection.
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KEYS

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DOOR SECURITY

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Good door and window locks can help keep you safe inside and deter thieves from breaking into your home

WINDOW SECURITY

WOODEN SASH/DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS
(move vertically)
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and CASEMENT WINDOWS (hinged on the side)
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