

Your Security Starts at Home!



A GUIDE to home burglary prevention

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POOR LOCKS...

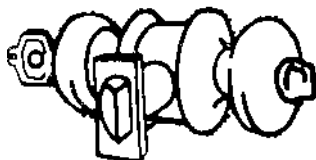
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to burglars



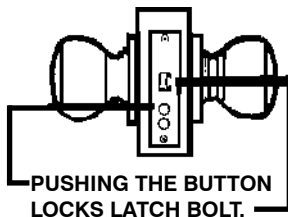
Not every lock really locks a door

Spring-bolt locks can usually be opened by even inexperienced burglars. A credit card or other shim is all that's needed to push back the latch bolt. You should replace such locks, or add a more secure auxiliary lock.

SPRING BOLT



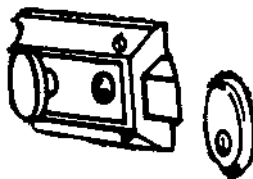
SPRING LATCH BOLT



POOR SECURITY

The Bolt is never locked on a spring bolt lock. Can be opened from outside by pushing back spring bolt with knife blade or shim.

CYLINDER RIM SPRING BOLT



DEAD BOLT LOCKS offer GOOD PROTECTION

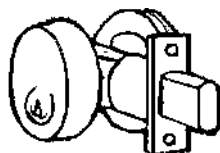
The bolt should extend at least one inch beyond the door edge. However, other locks which use an interlocking principle (e.g. Jimmy resistant rim locks) also offer good security.

If a door contains glass which is within forty inches of the lock, a criminal can break the glass and reach inside to unlock the door. You may consider replacing the door with a solid core door. Glass not in the door but still within forty inches of the lock should be reinforced.

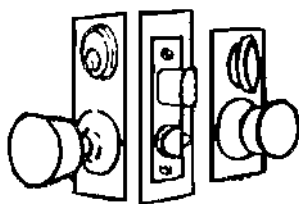
GOOD SECURITY

Dead bolt locks offer good security because they can be opened only with a key or thumbturn. A good dead bolt extends at least one inch when locked.

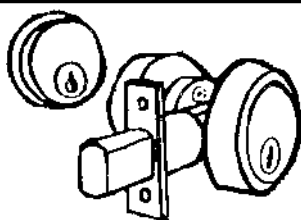
SINGLE CYLINDER DEAD BOLT LOCK



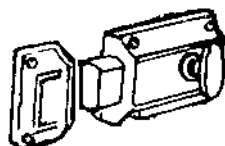
COMBINATION SPRING BOLT AND DEAD BOLT LOCKSET



DOUBLE CYLINDER DEAD BOLT LOCK



CYLINDER RIM DEAD BOLT LOCK



The door is important too!

A hollow core door offers no protection, no matter how strong the lock.

HOLLOW CORE DOOR

POOR SECURITY

Burglars can gain entry by simply kicking or gouging through the thin veneer.

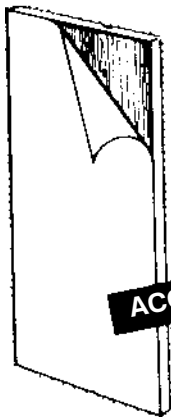
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SOLID CORE DOOR

PANEL DOOR

METAL DOOR

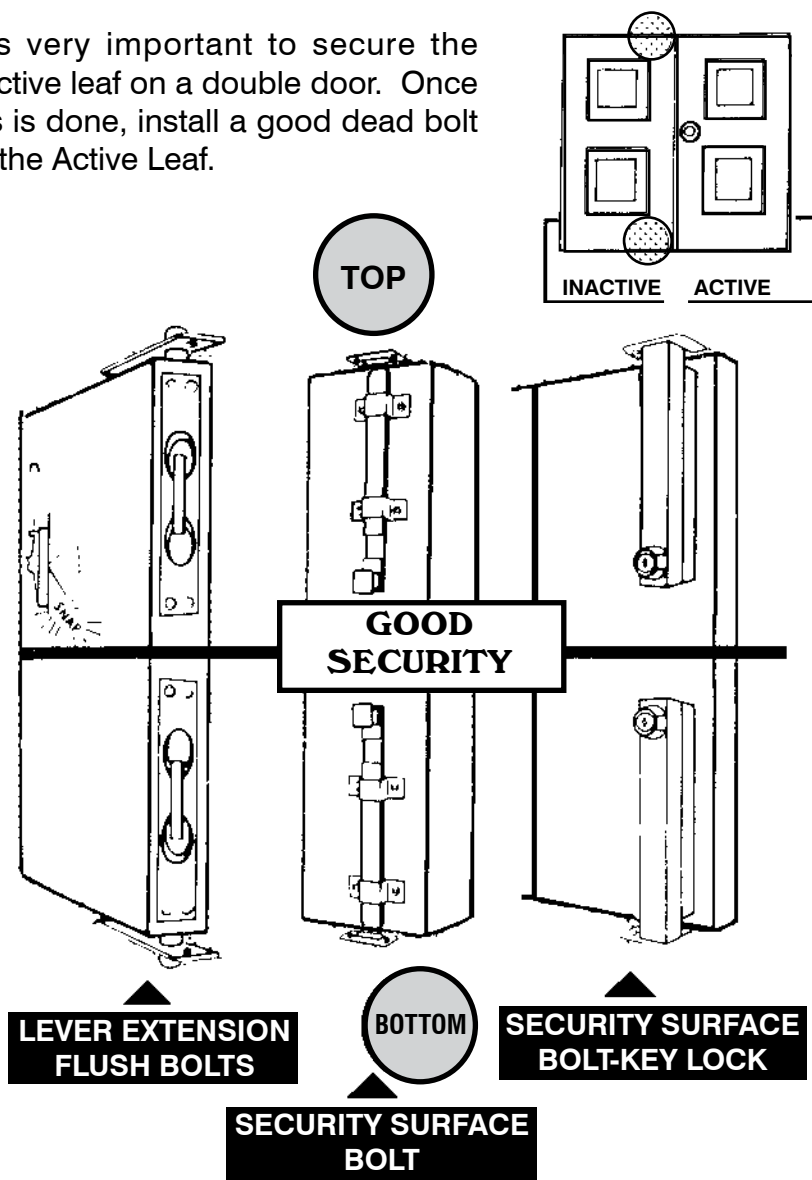


ACCEPTABLE AS ENTRANCE DOOR

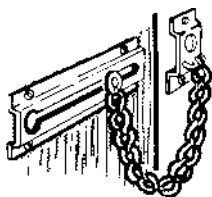
Solid Core, Panel Doors, and Metal Doors offer good protection if secured with a good lock.

Double doors are difficult to secure

It is very important to secure the inactive leaf on a double door. Once this is done, install a good dead bolt on the Active Leaf.



A door chain is not a substitute for a good lock.

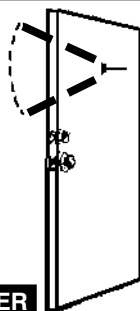


A WIDE ANGLE VIEWER GIVES ADDED SECURITY

NEVER OPEN YOUR DOOR BEFORE YOU SEE WHO IS THERE!

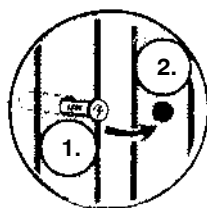
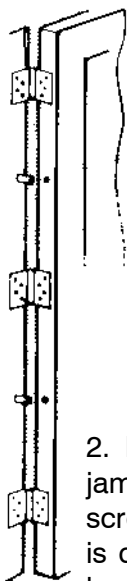


180 DEGREE VIEWER



What to do if hinges are exposed?

Almost any lock on an outswing door can be by-passed if the burglar can remove the hinge pin. To protect your door from being removed from its hinges, follow these simple steps:



1. Insert screw of framing nail into back edge of door protruding at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, midway between the top and the bottom and center hinges.

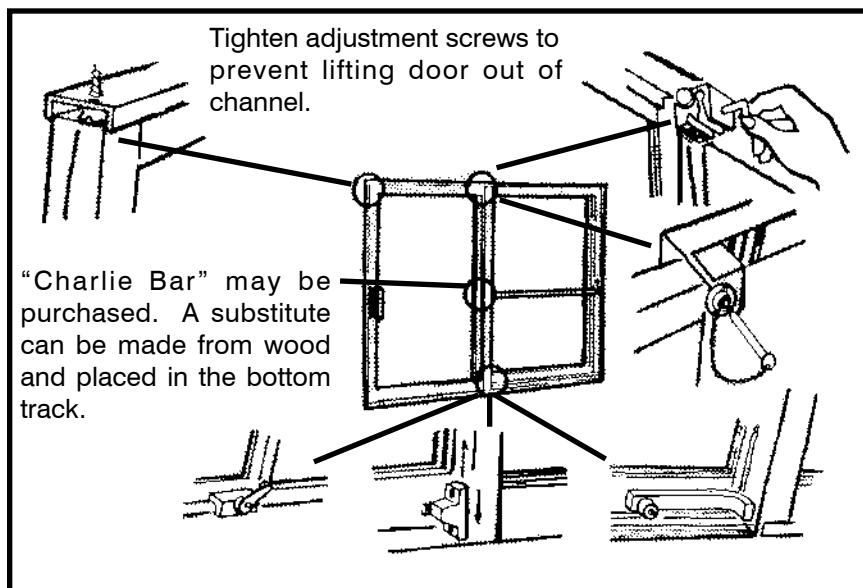
2. Drill opposing hole in door jam to receive the protruding screw or nail. When the door is closed, the hinge pin may be removed, but the door will be held firmly in place.

Security for sliding doors & windows

Sliding patio doors present special security problems. In addition to being pried open, they can frequently be lifted off their track.

Sticks or bars offer inexpensive protection. They must, however, be cut to fill the exact distance between the frame and the sliding door when in closed position. Another locking method is to drill a downward slopping hole through the top rail of the sliding door and into, but not through, the top rail of the fixed door, where the sliding and fixed doors overlap. Insert a pin (or nail) to lock. When drilling, exercise extreme caution to avoid nicking the glass which is recessed into the door frame.

A more secure system is a key operated lock. They are available at most hardware stores in numerous models and types. Check with your locksmith or local hardware store to determine the type most suitable to your needs.



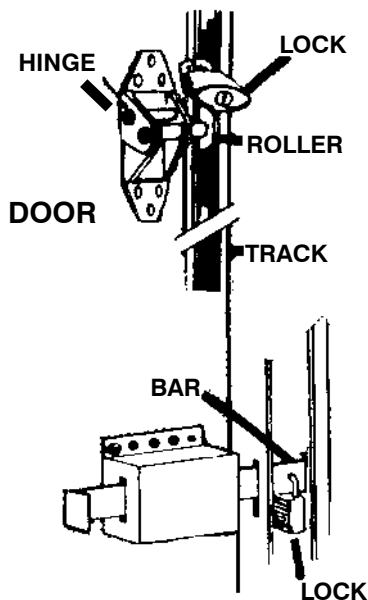
Numerous locking devices are available for sliding windows and doors. Those operated by keys are recommended for better security.

Security for garage doors

Panels (thin masonite or plywood) can be kicked through. Glass panels can be broken and entry gained by reaching in and unlatching.

Track is secured loosely.
Door can be pried open.

- ☐ Install case hardened hasp and padlock on outside.
- ☐ Secure track to door with heavier screws in hinges.
- ☐ Pin track above bar by drilling two holes and inserting heavy nail or bolt.
- ☐ Padlock can be used instead of pin.

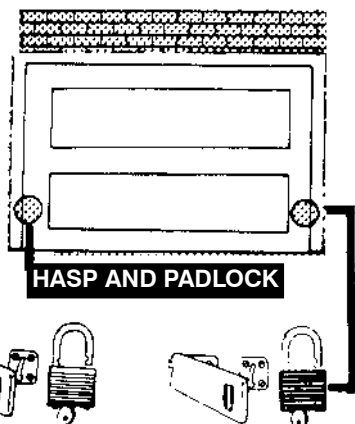


Locks installed by manufacturers are usually of poor quality.

OVERHEAD COUNTER BALANCED

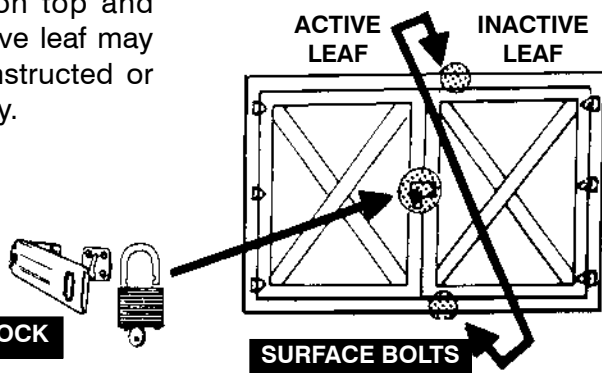
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- ☐ Install two case hardened hasp and padlocks.



DOUBLE OUTSWING DOORS

Surface bolts on top and bottom of inactive leaf may be cheaply constructed or may not fit tightly.



HASP AND PADLOCK

- ☐ Install case hardened hasp and padlock on outside or inside.

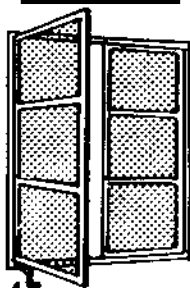
SURFACE BOLTS

- ☐ Install heavy duty surface bolts, top and bottom of inactive leaf.

Window Security

Double hung windows are easy to secure.

CASEMENT WINDOW

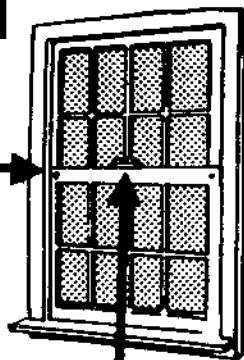


OPERATOR HANDLE

Casement windows are more difficult to secure. Always check the operator to see if it needs adjustment or needs to be replaced.

DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW

DRILL & PIN



KEYED LOCKS

GOOD SECURITY HABITS

House Numbers

House numbers should be visible day and night from the street. In rural areas name or number should be displayed on mail box. This is important for the police officer when responding to a complaint.

Shrubbery

Is there a clear view of the door? Or, are they hidden by shrubbery? If so, thin the growth so that the burglar is denied the opportunity to work undetected.

Re-Key Locks

This should be followed when moving into an apartment, or with second ownership of homes. This is relatively inexpensive to the resident.

Use Locks

An unlocked lock is not a lock! Habitually locking the home, closing and locking garage doors when away or at night is something which might be emphasized with every resident.



MAKING SAFETY A PRIORITY

KEEP BURGLARS AWAY

Hiding Keys

An extra key hidden in a secret location should always be avoided.

Lighting

Turning interior lamps on with a timer is inexpensive and should always be recommended. A transistor radio left playing when away will also confuse the burglar. External lighting is also important, but exclusive use of outside lighting when the home is unoccupied may actually tip off the burglar.

Admitting Strangers

The resident should be cautioned about admitting strangers. Identification of salesmen, public utilities personnel, repairmen, and stranded strangers should always be required before opening the door. A wide angle door viewer is an absolute must if visibility of callers is not possible. Partially opening the door equipped with a door chain is a practice which must be discouraged.

Vacation Procedures

Residents should be reminded of proper procedures when going on vacation:

- *Secure home and leave lights on timer.*
- *Leave a key with a neighbor.*
- *Make arrangements to have lawn mowed.*
- *Stop newspapers, mail (or have a neighbor pick up daily).*
- *Notify police and request a vacation watch.*

Note: Asking a friendly neighbor to park vehicles in driveway is also a good practice.

BURGLARY IS A BIG PROBLEM. Recent crime statistics reveal that a burglary occurs once every ten seconds. Losses from burglary and larceny exceed \$30 million each year in Kentucky.

YOUR BEST PROTECTION INCLUDES:

- Good locks
- Good security habits
- Operation Identification



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