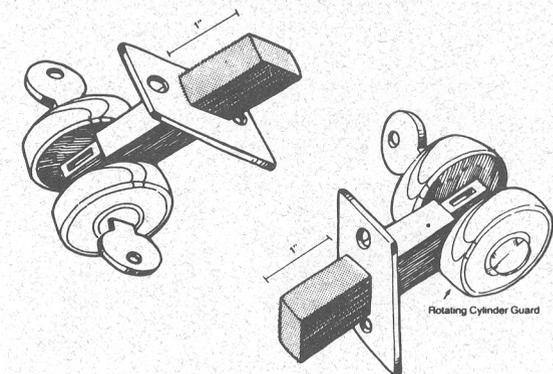


Double Cylinder Deadbolt Lock

Double cylinder deadbolt locks can be placed on doors with glass panels or on all your doors. These locks can be opened only with a key from either side. Keep the key near the door but not reachable from the glass panel. That way intruders can't get in, but you and your family can get out quickly in case of fire or emergency. It's best to check with your local law enforcement agency or housing officials before you install this lock. Some communities place restrictions on its use.



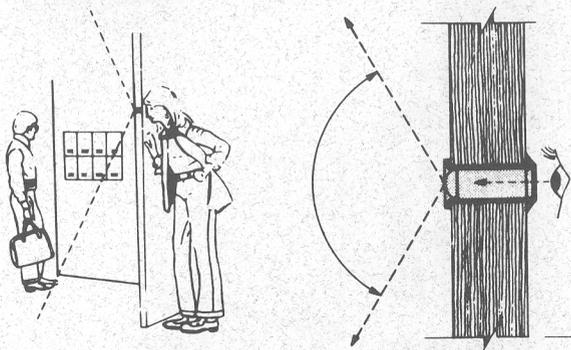
Rotating Cylinder Guard

Keys

Don't forget - victims report that as many as half of all burglaries take place without forced entry. In many cases, the burglar used a key. Be sure your keys don't fall into the wrong hands:

- Never carry identification tags on your key ring or holder.
- When you move into a new home or apartment have the locks re-keyed or changed. A locksmith can do this, or if you're handy with tools, you can change the locks yourself.
- Know who has every key to your home. Don't give keys to maintenance or delivery people.
- Don't ever hide your key outside; burglars know all the hiding places.

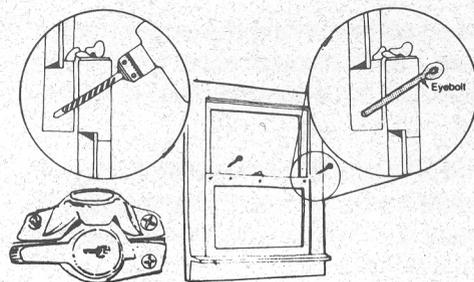
"All the hardware in the world won't protect you if you open your door without checking who's on the other side. Buy an inexpensive peephole or wide angle viewer. Tell your kids and their babysitters not to open the door to strangers."



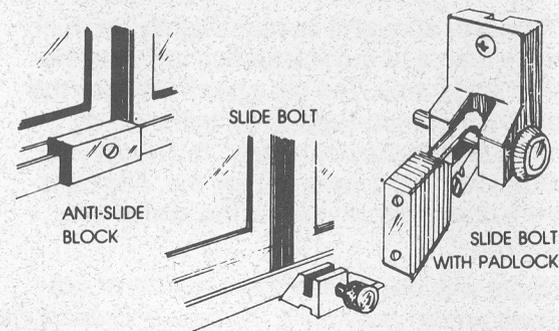
Windows

Double Hung Windows

An easy, inexpensive way to secure your windows is to use the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a nail or an eyebolt. The window can't be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with windows partly open so you can have ventilation without inviting intruders. Eyebolts can provide strong resistance against jimmying. If you live in a high crime area, it might be best to use them.

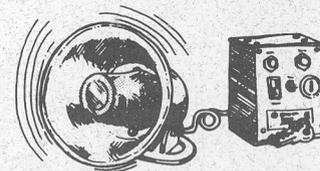


You can buy special key locks for windows at a hardware store. Ask for locks best suited to your type of windows and instructions for installing them. Keep the keys away from the windows, but make sure everyone in the house knows where to find them in case of emergency. Be sure to check with your local law enforcement agency or housing officials to see if there are any restrictions on installation of these locks.



Security Alarms

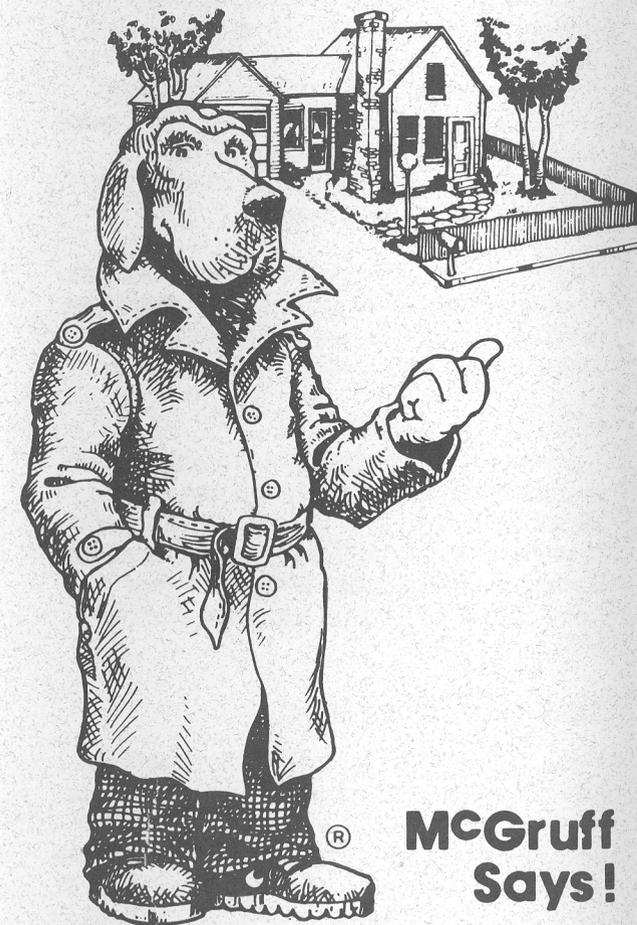
Do you keep extremely valuable property in your home? Do you live in an isolated area? Or do you want more protection? These are reasons to consider investing in a burglar alarm system.



Several types of systems are available.

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Outside Your Home

Protect your home by starting where the burglars usually start – outside.

Landscaping

Look around. Are there large trees near the house? Prune lower limbs that could help a thief climb in second floor windows. Don't forget to trim trees and bushes so doors and windows are visible to neighbors. Think twice about installing high wooden fences – criminals can slip in and work unobserved with little fear of being caught.

Remember to lock up ladders and tools. Ask your neighbors to do the same. Trellises look great, but place them where they can't be used as ladders to second floor windows.

Lighting

Criminals avoid the spotlight. Porches, yards, and all entrances to your home and garage should be well lighted. Check with your police or sheriff's department for suggestions about lighting. A spotlight may be best for your needs but other kinds of lights can work as well at lesser cost.

Your House Number

Make sure law enforcement or fire agencies can locate your house in an emergency: your house number should be clearly visible from the street – day and night. Use numbers made of reflective materials that are 6 inches high or black numerals against a white background. Avoid script letters for the number – they can be confusing. If your house is some distance from the road, post the number at the driveway entrance. If you live on a corner, make sure the number faces the street named in your address.

Doors

You wouldn't put a padlock on a paper chain... so, don't put good locks on a hollow wooden

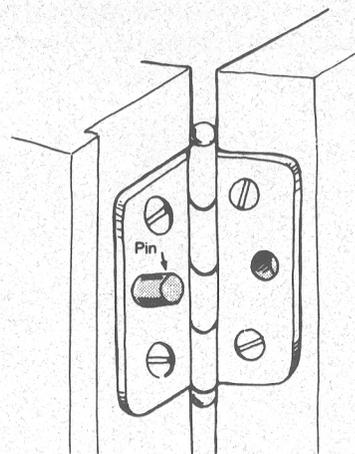
door. If the door is flimsy and weak, or doesn't fit securely into the frame, locks won't help.

Hinged Doors

Entry doors should be **solid core wood** (at least 1¾ inches thick) or **metal**. Most hollow core doors can be easily broken through. They offer little protection, no matter what locks you use.

Your door should fit its frame tightly – with no more than a 1/8-inch clearance between the door and frame. Too big a gap? Replace the door. If that's too expensive, bolt a sturdy metal strip to the door edge. You boost your protection – and save energy, too. Any hardware dealer can show you the kind of strip to use.

Doors with decorative glass panels or windows are an easy mark. It takes only seconds to break the glass and unlock the door. If you don't want to replace the door, install a break-resistant plastic panel or decorative grille over the glass. Attach the grilles with special non-removable screws.

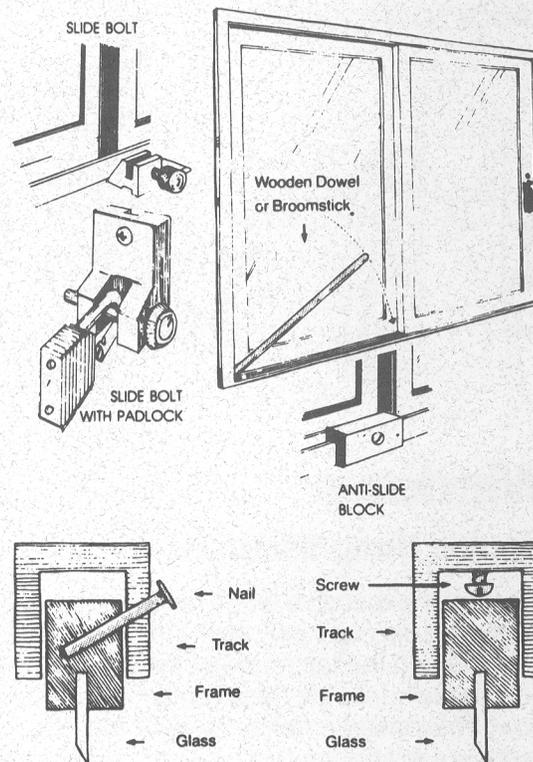


Hinges

Most door hinges are on the inside, safe from a burglar's tools. If hinges are on the outside, it's not hard to remove the hinge pins and take the door out of the frame. To protect such doors. Replace hinges with new ones that have non-removable pins.

Sliding Glass Doors

Burglars look for sliding glass doors because they are easy to open. Several types of locks are made especially for sliding glass doors. Or bolster the existing lock by placing a solid strip of wood or a broom handle in the track of the closed door. That helps block the door even if the lock is jimmied.



Determined thieves may lift the door off its tracks. Try one of these preventive tips:

1. Adjust rollers so the door cannot be pushed up enough to lift it off the track.
2. Insert screws along the upper track of the door. Leave enough room for the door to slide, but not enough space to lift the door out.
3. Drill a hole and insert a nail through the inside frame and **part way** through the metal door frame. You can remove the nail but a burglar can't.

Locks

Padlocks are typically used for garages, sheds, and workshops. Look for sturdy padlocks that don't release the key until the padlock is locked. Be sure the padlock is in a rugged laminated case with a 3/8-inch shackle so it can resist repeated smashings. A double locking design can prevent the shackle being pried away from its case. Remember that a padlock is only as good as the hasp it is mounted on. The hasp should be secured with bolts and mounted on a metal plate. Be sure bolts are concealed when the padlock is locked.

Remember, **always** use your locks. Even a 5-minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home.



Deadbolt Lock

A **deadbolt lock** can provide good protection. When you turn the key, the lock mechanism slides a strong metal bolt from the door into the frame.

When you buy a deadbolt lock, make sure:

- The bolt extends at least 1 inch from the edge of the door (has a "1 inch throw").
- The connecting screws that hold the lock together are on the inside of the door.
- The strike plate is attached to the door frame with screws that measure at least 3 inches.
- The cylinder has a steel guard – a ring around the key section. The cylinder guard should be tapered or rotate around the key section (if twisted) to prevent wrenching.