

LOCK SNAPPING



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Top Tips

Replace your lock cylinders if they are not anti-snap

Use locks to a standard of TS007 3 Star

Always replace your locks when moving to a new house

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We need to keep ahead of burglars and be aware of the new techniques they are using to break into houses. One of these new techniques is called lock snapping. It can only be used where a euro style cylinder is used, i.e. typically like those fitted in PVCu doors

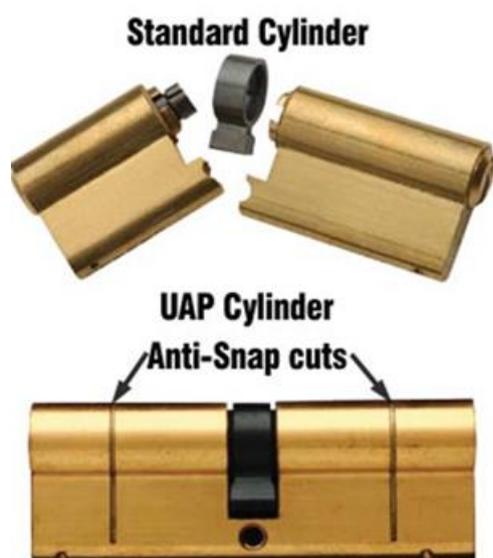
At the moment lock snapping is a relatively unusual method of gaining entry in our area but we want people to be prepared in case it becomes more popular.

Almost all euro cylinders could be susceptible.



However, the remedy is quite easy to carry out either by someone good at DIY or by a locksmith or window fitter.

It's not easy to tell from the outside if yours is a vulnerable lock, it would need to be dismantled. Although this is fairly simple to do, our advice is to contact a registered locksmith for advice.



If you have a Secured by Design door fitted after 2010 you can be confident that it will

have a 'Break Secure' lock. Please note this applies only to Secured by Design doors and not all doors. You should be able to locate a Secured by Design motif on the door.

What is Lock Snapping?

The thief first has to gain access to the cylinder. Once this has been done the cylinder can be easily snapped at the weakest point by force, giving the thief access to the lock cams which enables them to open the door.

It can take as little as a few seconds.

Click here to see a video about lock snapping

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-LV JYYek>

What can you do?

There are now a range of replacement cylinders which are designed to resist snapping and we would recommend that you consider replacing your existing cylinders with these 'Break Secure' cylinders.

These cylinders have been designed in a way that they will snap in a predetermined position leaving intact a portion of the cylinder that will still provide security and still require key operation to open, thus preventing the easy manipulating of the locking system. The illustration shows clearly the carefully positioned snapping point.

A qualified locksmith can offer a full installation and upgrade service to meet your needs; or a replacement break secure euro

cylinder can be purchased from any recognised DIY store.

All new cylinder locks should bear the new standard, TS007 3 star.

To find the most secure lock cylinder to prevent lock snapping which suits your security requirements, visit the Master Locksmiths' Association website.

The Master Locksmiths' Association website www.locksmiths.co.uk also provides a list of registered locksmiths who will be able to provide advice and information and give you practical help to ensure your locks are suitable.

If you chose to undertake the replacement of the euro cylinder yourself, it is a relatively easy task. The following may help.

Measuring your Cylinder

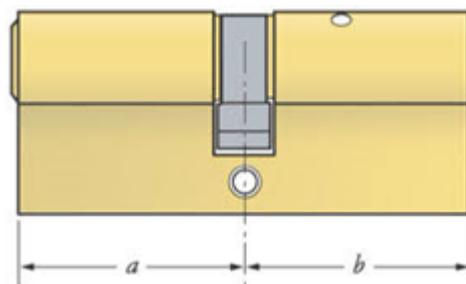
When buying your new cylinder, it is important that you get the right size cylinder.

The size of cylinder you need is determined by the thickness of the door and handle combination.

There are many sizes available and you will need to be careful that you measure the cylinder accurately (one size will not fit all).

It is possible to measure a door cylinder in the door, but to be sure it's best to remove it first.

The measurements are taken from the centre of the fixing screw. In most cases the internal dimension is A and the external dimension is B



You should ensure that the size you order will fit to look like the one below.



Replacing the Cylinder

- Insert the key into the lock
- Remove the locking screw on the leading edge of the door
- Gently wiggle the key and withdraw the existing cylinder
- Install the new TS007 3-star cylinder and replace the locking screw.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for
Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for
Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



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Secured by Design
Sold Secure

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
0300 303 3705