

# Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

## Guidance Note

### Window Locks



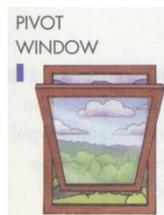
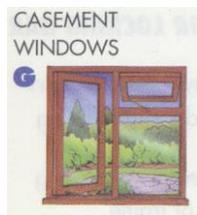
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## Window Security

### Types of window



Windows are the most frequent point of entry in burglaries where some force is used to gain entry. In the majority of cases the burglar will break the glass to open the window by reaching in and opening the window itself. It is unusual for the burglar to climb through a broken window without opening it first, probably because they do not want to cut themselves or tear their clothing in the process.

If you can prevent the window from being opened or clearly show that it is locked, this would deter most offenders.

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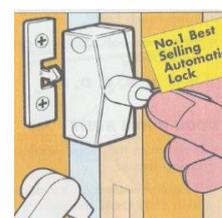
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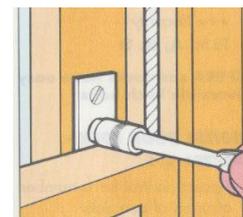
Remember it only takes a 9 inch gap for someone to get through. In most cases, if you can get your head through, the rest of your body will generally follow and as most of our burglars are young and supple this would present no problems.

Most window locks are cheap and easy to fit and there are models to fit every sort of window on the market. Experience tells us that if they are easy to operate then you are more likely to use them.

An easy window lock is the **Snap Lock**. This is a lock that automatically locks when the window is closed but needs a simple key to unlock it. These are quick and easy to use. On larger windows it may be necessary to use two locks, equally spaced to give best protection.

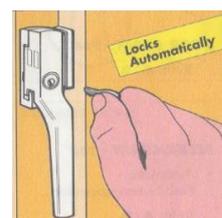


For Sash windows you could consider a **Sash Window Lock**. These work by stopping the sash from sliding and again are easy and quick to use. Two are required for each window.



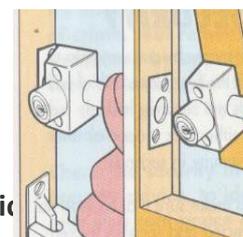
If the windows are often partially open you should consider fitting a **Sash Stop**.

Another popular way to lock windows is to use a **Lockable Window Handle**. This secures the window in closed or partially closed positions. These are often found on UPVC windows.



It is important to remember that this handle does not lock the window to the frame it only locks the handle and very little pressure would be needed to force this handle as the locking plate is not strong. So where these types of handles are used consider recommending further window locks.

For windows that are regularly opened and closed the **Window Bolt** would be a good choice. This allows multiple opening and



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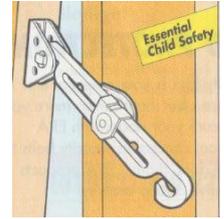
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closing but is locked by pushing the bolt home and opening it by key. This can also be used on Patio doors.

For windows in bungalows where you may want to leave windows open to get fresh air, the **Window Secure** stay can be used but use longer screws than those supplied.

A special key is used to disconnect it.



The following images are more types of specialist locks you could consider for uPVC windows. With all uPVC window frames you are advised to consult the manufacturer to check the best type of lock that can be used for their particular frame.

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