



Important Numbers

911	Emergency
242-6707	Non-Emergency
244-3500	MCSO
242-4646	Animal Control
244-9274	Graffiti Removal
244-3277	Victim Assistance
242-4851	Red Cross
255-5034	Code Enforcement
241-7876	Crime Stoppers

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CPTED Target Hardening-Windows

High-quality door and window hardware make your house or apartment less attractive to burglars. If you survey your home as a potential target and don't try to cut corners, you'll find security devices you can trust. You must invest in some window locks.

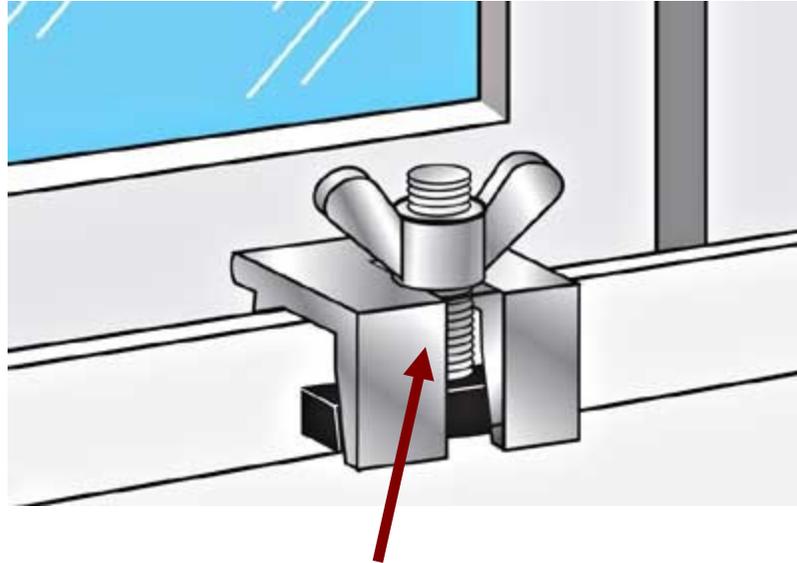
A window is an opening in an otherwise solid and opaque surface through which light and air can pass. But sometimes, not only light and air are what could be passed through it. Windows are a common point of entry for burglars. Most ordinary window locks are designed simply to keep the elements out, not intruders.

In this month's addition of The Neighborhood Watch Observer, you will learn about secondary locks for windows and tricks to secure

the windows in your home to better safeguard yourself and your family.



Window Locks



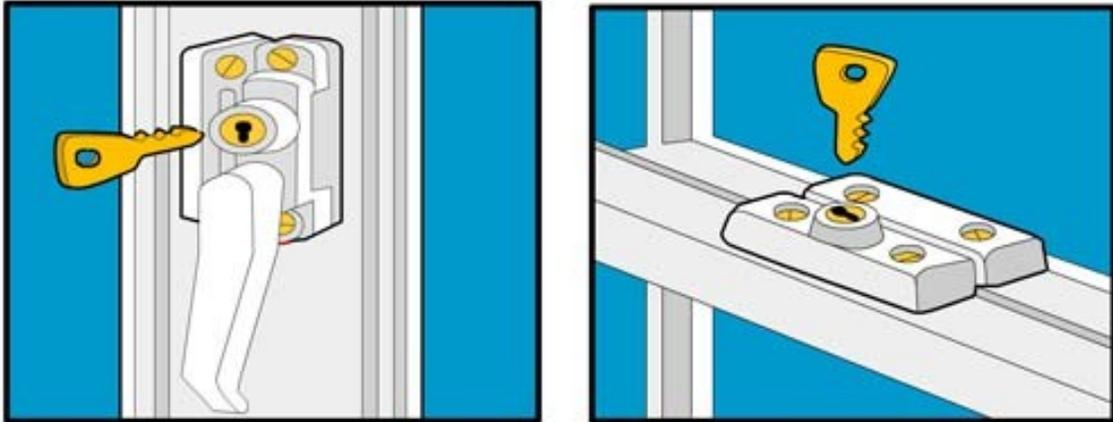
Simple secondary lock for sliding windows



Sliding glass windows should be given the same attention as sliding glass doors. Use the same supplementary locks or screws in the frame to prevent the window from being lifted out of the track. Double hung windows can be similarly secured by a pin or screw which limits how far a window can be opened. You also may purchase special key locks for windows at a hardware store. Crank windows are easily secured. The latch should close properly with the window tight.



Secure Windows



Examples of good **Window Locks**

There are a variety of locks available to fit all windows – whether wood, metal or PVC. **A specialist should fit these.** Make sure the lock is fitted correctly and in a position where it will have the most effect.

Make sure window frames are well maintained and in good condition.

If burglars can see window locks it may put them off, because they would have to break the glass and risk attracting attention.

If you have, or intend to use, the type of lock that screws to the window, the following test is a good guide to help decide how many are required:

With the window closed, press each opening corner - if there is any movement, fit a suitable lock, such as a push lock, at each corner on the opening side. If there is no movement a lock fitted to the centre of the opening frame will suffice.

Make sure valuables can't be seen from the outside!

Got Graffiti?

TAG

NOT FOR LONG!

Taking Away Graffiti

Reporting:

Call 243-WASH (243-9274)

or

Call 911 if vandalism is in progress.

Removal:

We will provide you with a waiver to sign giving permission for the removal.

- Remember that old graffiti is eligible for removal.
- Arrangements for abatement and the cost of removal will be covered by this program.
- This program relies partially on donations and grants. Owners can provide matching paint and still use inmate labor.
- Graffiti will be abated using a closely matching paint color or removed using power washer equipment or other tools.
- This program does not include restoration to the property.