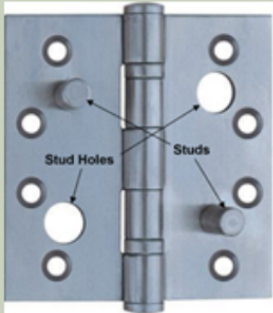


## EXTERIOR DOORS

- KNOW WHO'S CALLING BEFORE OPENING YOUR DOOR. A WIDE ANGLE DOOR VIEWER ENABLES YOU TO IDENTIFY THE VISITOR, YOU CAN SEE HIM, HE CAN'T SEE YOU.
- IF YOUR DOOR HAS A MAIL SLOT, AN INTERIOR HOOD WILL PREVENT ANYONE FROM LOOKING THROUGH IT INTO YOUR HOUSE BUT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH MAIL DELIVERIES.
- THE METAL PLATE ATTACHED TO YOUR DOOR FRAME OR JAMB FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE LATCH OR BOLT IS CALLED A "STRIKE." MAKE CERTAIN THAT STRIKES ON ALL EXTERIOR DOORS ARE SOLIDLY IN PLACE.
- WOODEN DOORS ARE EITHER SOLID THROUGHOUT OR HAVE A HOLLOW CENTER. ALL EXTERIOR WOODEN DOORS SHOULD BE SOLIDLY IN PLACE.
- **OUTSIDE HINGE PINS** CAN MAKE A GOOD LOCK USELESS. AN INTRUDER COULD ENTER BY REMOVING THESE PINS. TO PREVENT THIS, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS.



1. INSERT A SOLID METAL PIN, SCREW OR CONCRETE NAIL INTO THE HOLE FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE SCREW ON THE DOOR FRAME LEAF. AFTER INSTALLATION, THE PIN, SCREW OR CONCRETE NAIL SHOULD PROTRUDE FROM THE HINGE ABOUT 1/2 INCH.
2. DRILL OUT THE OPPOSING SCREW HOLE IN THE DOOR TO FIT THE PIN, SCREW OR CONCRETE NAIL.
3. Security is also attained by hammering both ends of all hinge pins so they cannot easily be removed. (Should the door need to be removed later, merely unscrew all hinges attached either to the door or the door frame.)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

To frustrate a burglar, reduce or remove his opportunities. Simple practical crime techniques are an overwhelming success at deterring burglars. Contact your local police department or the Burlington County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at 609-265-5796. A Crime Prevention Officer that is specially trained will be able to assist you in evaluating your present home security and will recommend areas that may be improved upon to protect your family and home.

### START BY CHECKING THE LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING YOUR HOME.

- **PRUNE LARGE TREES**
  - Cut back limbs that are near the house or else it may provide easy access to second-story windows.
- **KEEP SHRUBBERY TRIMMED**
  - Never block the view to or from any door or window. It will give you, your neighbors and patrolling police a view of trespassers and deny an intruder a place to hide. A well kept lawn gives a home that "lived in" look.
- **MISCELLANEOUS OPENINGS**
  - Do not overlook ventilation openings, crawl holes that permit access under your home or small swinging doors used by your pets. Grills, heavy screening or locks will deter entry through these points.

# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY



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**YOUR ROLE IN  
PREVENTION**

## STORAGE LOCKERS

Many apartment complexes provide storage lockers for tenants. They are generally located in carports or areas accessible for thieves.

- **IF THE LOCKER DOOR HAS EXPOSED HINGES, INSTALL ONE-WAY** (non-removable) screws, or install interior hinges.
- **CHECK STORAGE LOCKER DOORS AND HASPS** for proper closure. A loose hasp could allow someone to reach in and pull out valuable items.

## GARAGES

All garages should be kept closed and locked. Most contain tools and other valuables. If the latter does not interest a burglar, your tools may. He'll borrow them to break into your home.

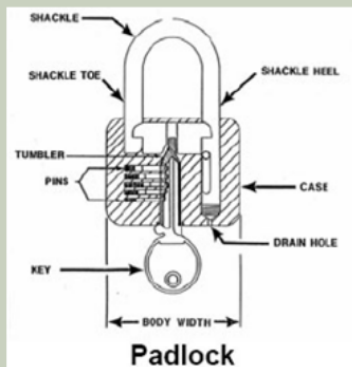
- **HARDENED STEEL HASPS AND PADLOCKS** are recommended to secure BOTH sides of a lifting garage door.
- **INSTALL DEADBOLT LOCKS** on walk-through doors.
- **IF YOU USE GARAGE WINDOWS** for ventilation, install the same security items as recommended for the windows in your home. If garage windows are kept shut, use nails or screws to keep them permanently closed.

## PADLOCKS

THE MOST COMMON ASSAULTS ON PADLOCKS ARE MADE WITH BOLT-CUTTERS OR PRY BARS. QUALITY PADLOCKS HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- **LAMINATED OR EXTRUDED CASES**
- **HARDENED STEEL SHACKLE WITH A MINIMUM DIAMETER OF 9/32 INCH.**
- **A DOUBLE LOCKING BOLT PROVIDING "HEAL AND TOE" LOCKING.**
- **AT LEAST 5 PIN TUMBLERS IN THE CYLINDER.**

**A KEY RETAINING FEATURE.** THIS PREVENTS REMOVAL OF THE KEY UNTIL THE PADLOCK IS LOCKED. **THUS, A PADLOCK CANNOT BE REMOVED AND RETURNED AFTER A KEY HAS BEEN MADE BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON.**



## SLIDING GLASS DOORS AND WINDOWS

A sliding glass door can be secured so that it cannot be opened or lifted out of its tracks even when the lock has been removed or broken.

- **DRILL AT LEAST 1/4 INCH DIAMETER HOLE** that angles downward through the TOP CHANNEL and continues into the TOP portion of the sliding door FRAME when closed. By placing a solid metal pin or bolt into the hole, the door will be held securely in place. When not in use, the pin can be attached to a cord or light chain and dropped through a screw eye adjoining the door.
- **ADDED SECURITY** is provided by screwing two or three No. 8 or No. 10 sheet metal screws into the track above the sliding door. The screws should protrude so the top of the closing door clears them. This will prevent the door from being lifted out of the lower track.
- **A LENGTH OF BROOMSTICK, wooden dowel or metal rod** when placed in the lower track, will prevent a sliding door from opening. Make certain it fits snugly into the track when the door is closed.
- **INEXPENSIVE "PIN TYPE" LOCKS** may be purchased and easily installed to prevent the operation of sliding glass doors.

## DEADBOLT LOCKS

ALL DEADBOLTS should have:

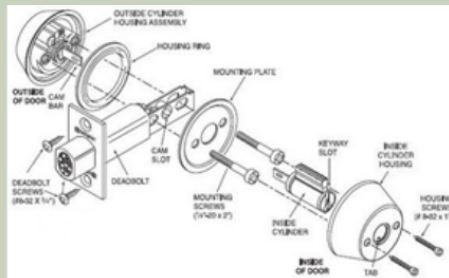
1. A bolt which extends at least 1 inch when in the locked position.
2. A cylinder guard ring of hardened steel.
3. A hardened steel insert or bearing in the bolt, this prevents the sawing of the extended bolt.

• **CERTAIN DEADBOLT LOCKS PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A KEY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DOOR.** Known as "double cylinder" deadlocks, they are periodically desirable on doors containing glass within 40 inches of the lock.

If a thief breaks the glass in the door with this type of double cylinder lock, he will not be able to unlock the door by reaching through the break. When at home, leave the key in the lock for ready exit in an emergency.

• **A DOORKNOB LOCKSET** should have an Anti-shim device (a spring latch with a small horizontal pin which keeps the latch from being retracted when the door is closed).

For additional information about locks, consult a reputable locksmith or your crime prevention officer.



## LOUVER WINDOWS

THESE WINDOWS ARE DIFFICULT TO BURGLAR PROOF AS THE INDIVIDUAL PANES OF GLASS MAY BE REMOVED

### DOUBLE HUNG SASH TYPE WINDOWS



- **TO SECURE THESE WINDOWS, DRILL A HOLE THAT ANGLES SLIGHTLY DOWNWARD THROUGH A TOP CORNER OF THE BOTTOM WINDOW INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE TOP WINDOW.** THEN PLACE A SOLID PIN OR NAIL INTO THE HOLE TO PREVENT THE WINDOWS BEING OPENED.
- **KEYED LATCHES** MAY BE PURCHASED TO LOCK SASH WINDOWS.

## LIGHTING

INTRUDERS PREFER DARKNESS. THE REAR, SIDE AND FRONT AREAS OF YOUR HOME SHOULD BE WELL LIGHTED.

- **LOCATE OUTSIDE FLOODLIGHTS** JUST BELOW THE EDGE OR COVES OF THE ROOF.
- **WIRE COVERINGS** WILL PROTECT AGAINST INTENTIONAL BULB BREAKAGE.
- **USE A TIMER OR PHOTOELECTRIC CELL** TO AUTOMATICALLY TURN THE LIGHTS ON AT DUSK AND OFF AT DAWN.

## SECURITY INSIDE YOUR HOME

Set aside a small closet with a solid core door and non-removable hinge pins and install a deadbolt lock for high security. Use it for storing your more valuable possessions such as JEWELRY and firearms.