

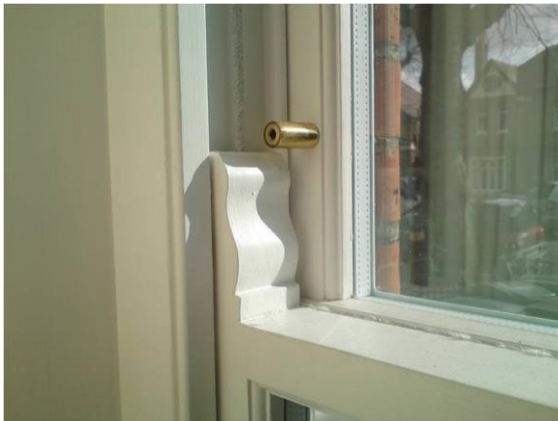
## **Window Security**

The most effective way of ensuring the security of your windows is to ensure they are well-maintained with a working key operated lock, whatever the window style.

Below is a selection of locks / security devices that may be suitable for your home:

### **Sash and Case Stops**

These prevent the sashes from sliding over each other, various designs are available but they should lock in place to prevent the sash movement. You can fit them 100mm above the top of the lower sash to enable the window to be opened a little for ventilation without the worry that someone can get through the window.



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### Duel Screws / Window Bolts

Dual screws fit most sash & case windows, bolting the top and bottom sashes together to prevent opening.

A Window Bolt is suitable for most types of wooden windows including casement, side hung, top hung and sash windows. Simply press the spring bolt to lock and use the key to unlock.



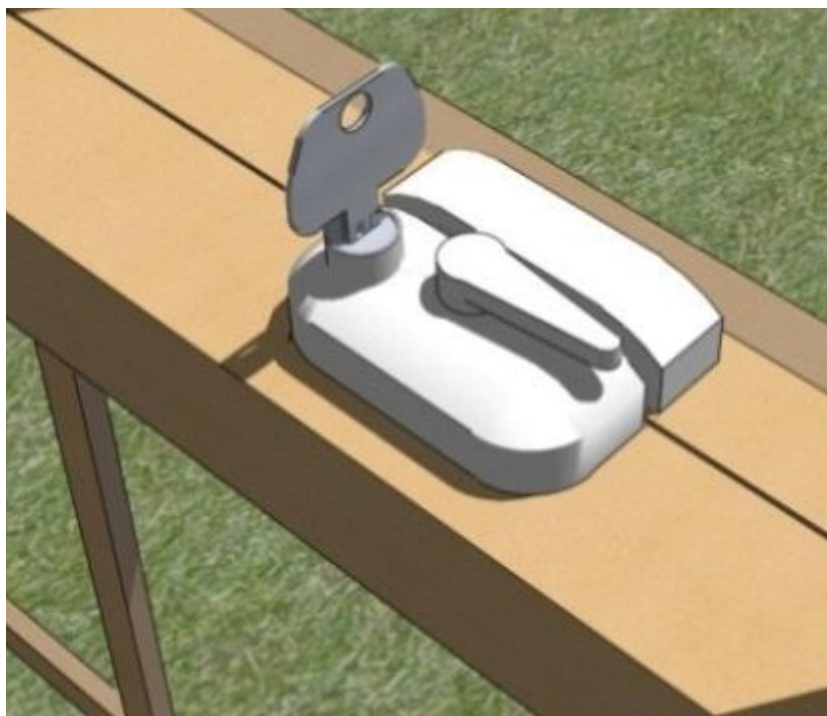
Dual Screw



Window Bolt

### Sash Jammer

Key operated sash jammers can be used to easily enhance the security of uPVC doors or windows.



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### Simple Stand-Alone Window Alarms

There is a wide range of stand-alone window alarms on the market that can detect a window opening (contact sensor) and / or glass being smashed (vibration sensor). These are often low cost and versatile, (can be fitted to many types of windows and doors) imitating a loud audible alarm when triggered.



### Window Restrictors

These may be appropriate for use on some windows, the design of many allowing for them to be easily removed if required.



### House Alarms

For properties with traditional house alarms fitted it may be possible to enhance security by the use of vibration sensors, fitted to large panes of glass, patio / bi-fold doors. These sensors are designed to trigger if someone attempts to smash the glass, setting the main alarm off before entry is gained to the property.

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### **Outside your property**

Once you have checked your windows are secure with key operated locks and / or alarms consider the outside of your property. Over grown shrubs / trees may hide criminals from view while they try to access your home. Are there gates / fences to prevent easy access to the rear of your property? Is your property in darkness or does it have outside lighting which can deter thieves?

If you see anyone acting suspiciously near to your premises please contact the police immediately with as detailed a description as possible of any person or vehicle involved. **Please call 999 if an emergency and urgent police assistance is required or 101 to report the matter to the police.**

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