

Safety Features/Equipment For Your Home

Financial support for safety equipment may be available through Victim Quick Response Program.

Safety features VQRP+ may cover:

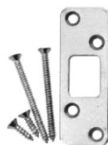
- ☐ Contact alarms
- ☐ Deadbolt, bar, peephole
- ☐ Door (damaged or broken)
- ☐ Lock (damaged or broken)
- ☐ Mobile phones
- ☐ Motion sensor
- ☐ Personal alarm
- ☐ Window contact alarm
- ☐ Window (damaged or broken)
- ☐ Window/door stops/guard

Door Locks

A deadbolt should be placed on all access doors including the door that provides access to your home from the garage. Locks should be:

- ☐ Pick resistant
- ☐ Drill resistant
- ☐ Saw resistant
- ☐ Twist resistant

Deadbolt locks that require a key from both sides are not recommended – they do not allow for quick exit in the event of a fire.

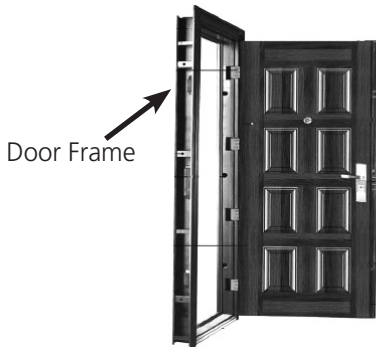


A security strike plate has 4 or more screw holes and should be installed using screws at least 2 1/2" in length

Door Frames

A doorframe is critical yet often overlooked. To make sure your frame can provide enough security a strike plate should be installed with screws that are at least 2½ inches in length. A properly secured strike plate secures the frame and transmits the force of any forced entry to the door. Without this reinforcement the door can easily be pried open by bending the door frame. This expense may be appropriate for VQRP funding.

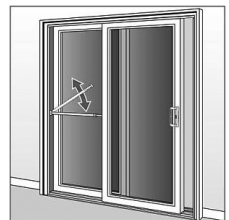
For added protection, reinforce your door frame with a filler plate so that your lock cannot be pried open.



Patio Doors

Sliding glass patio doors are not protected and can be lifted from their tracks to gain access to your home. The following can prevent the door from being lifted out of place:

- ☐ A hockey stick or other piece of wood can be placed inside the frame to prevent the door from opening
- ☐ A “pin lock” can be attached to the door that goes into the frame
- ☐ Screws can be fastened into the track above the sliding door (when in a closed position)



Windows



Slider windows can easily be lifted out of their track, similar to a patio door. To prevent a slider window from being lifted out, cut a snug piece of wood the size of a broom handle or hockey stick to fit between the outer window frame and the edge of the sliding portion of the window.



Double Hung Windows slide up and down on a track and can be forced open by applying pressure to the lock area. Adding a secondary locking device or installing a metal pin or nail through both sides of the window can greatly improve security.

Additional Home Safety Issues to Consider:

- ☐ Always keep doors and windows locked
- ☐ Trim bushes and hedges that cover entrance
- ☐ Change garage door code
- ☐ Move furniture in the house
- ☐ Plan your escape route
- ☐ Security cameras on doors
- ☐ Install sensor lighting
- ☐ Upgrade front door to one that is steel
- ☐ Keep a flashlight handy at all times
- ☐ Always keep your mobile phone fully charged
- ☐ Install a peep hole in the front door
- ☐ Create a safe room in your home
- ☐ Other safety features such as a video doorbell and inside cameras