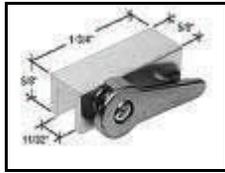


## Thumb Screw Locks

This is a type of auxiliary locking device that can be installed easily in the track above the lower portion of your windows that raise and lower or in the track securing the active side of



your sliding windows. They can be installed in minutes and can be found at most local hardware stores. Normally at a very low cost. They come in several styles and they can be easily removed in case of an emergency.



There are options available to help secure your windows without resorting to putting Bars on your windows. For more information please contact the Texas Crime Prevention Association or your local police department and ask to speak to a Crime Prevention Specialist. Many cities offer home security assessments as a free service to the residents of their community.

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## Windows

### Sliding Windows

Sliding glass windows should be given the same security treatment as arcadia doors. Use the same supplementary locks or screws in the frame.

Screws installed in the track above the sliding window



frame will prevent the window from being lifted out of the track. Drill a pilot hole in the top track above each corner of the window frame and install a screw into each hole. Adjust the screws so that the head of the screw just barely clears the frame when it is moved back and forth.

### Casement - Crank Windows



These windows are easily secured. The latch should close properly with the window tight. With the latch in a closed

position, drill a small hole through the latch frame and handle. Insert a metal pin through the hole to lock the window.

For additional security, a small padlock can be used in place of the pin. Key operated replacement latches are also available from a locksmith or hardware store. Keep the key handy in case of emergency.



### Double Hung Windows

An easy, inexpensive way to secure your windows is to use the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of

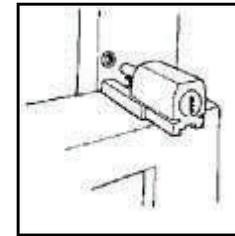


the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window.

Then insert the pin (a nail or an eyebolt that is slightly smaller in diameter than the hole). The window can't be opened until you remove the pin. Make a second set of

holes with windows partially open so you can have ventilation without inviting intruders. This cannot be done on windows with insulated with gases.

**You also may purchase special key locks for windows at a hardware store.**



Doors with glass windows or glass ornamentation require double key deadbolt locks. This prevents the burglar from breaking the glass and reaching inside to unlock the door. The key to a double key deadbolt lock should be left in the lock at all times when someone is home to ensure easy exit in the event of a fire or other emergency. (Check with your local fire department to ensure this lock is not prohibited by the fire code before installing.) Glass within 40 inches of a locking device should be evaluated. If removal of the glass cannot be done consider installing security laminate on the glass to help prevent it from being easily broken to access the lock. Another option for protecting glass around your home is security laminate. of security laminate helps protect the glass from breaking. This type of product can be located at some of the larger Home Improvement store or through on line resources.