



Home Window Security Bars (consider fire regulations & safety)

Most windows can be fitted with a home window security bar. Even forgetting to lock the windows doesn't stop the home window security bar from preventing the windows from opening. On slider windows or doors they will typically fit between the moving part of the window and door, and the stationary jamb, as this prevents the moveable part of the door or window from being opened. This home window security bar can prevent someone from attempting to gain entry having seen an unlocked door or window.

Double-hung windows - the type that slide up and down with the top part of the window often being stationary - can have a home window security bar that fits between the top of the lower section and the upper frame of the window to prevent opening. Windows that use a roll out hand crank on the inside can have a bar placed between the cranks to prevent them being opened.

Children's Safety comes as an Added Benefit

An additional benefit of home security window bars is that children can't open the windows, thus avoiding potential mishaps if they do. Some bars do require a key to remove them, which is added safety as far as children are concerned. Anyone really intent on breaking into your house, however, only has to break the window glass to get around the security bar, so whilst they should deter a casual burglar, a determined intruder will get through.

An alternative to home window security bars is metal window grating. These fit to the inside of the window frame and will prevent entry, even if the window glass is broken or the window left opened. To some, they create a sense of imprisonment, of being hemmed in, so you have to remind yourself that they are present as a deterrent to crime. And, just as with the home window security bar, that a really determined intruder will gain access to your home, irrespective of the security measures in place. Window gratings can offer an additional protection when fitted to garage windows.

Both are preventative steps aimed at reducing the possibility of someone attempting access to your home.

One major disadvantage with this type of security is that they "may" impede any emergency exit from a property in the event of a fire.