

Patio Door Security

Most sliding patio doors are equipped with a single locking mechanism. These locks or latches can sometimes be defeated when a corner of the door panel is lifted; the rotating motion of the panel caused by a prying action can break the latch. Additionally, some doors can be lifted out of its track or frame from the outside of your home, even when they are closed. A burglar could also break the glass on a patio door, but this is not common. Most entries are achieved by defeating the latch or by forcing the door open which breaks the latch.

Secure a patio door even more effectively by using these two additional security measures in combination with the existing latch on a patio door:

1. Window Stick – use our adjustable lock and alarm to help prevent your door from being forced open, to detect an attempt, and to deter a burglar.
2. Install three large screws into your frame to prevent your door from being pried or lifting open while the door is closed.

This combination of devices prevents unnecessary horizontal, vertical and rotational motion of the door which is used by burglars to break & enter.

These are two simple cost effective methods you can implement to increase the level of security for your home and family. Statistics indicate that 80% of burglaries are crimes of opportunity; therefore if we eliminate those opportunities we can prevent those crimes.

Instructions for Installing Screws

Materials Needed:

- Drill
- Drill bit (size should be slightly smaller than thickness of screw)
- Screwdriver
- Three 1 ¼" large head sheet metal screws

Directions:

1. Slide window or door until it's fully open.
2. Pre-drill three holes inside the upper track. (See *Figure A* for locations)
3. With the heads of the screws facing down, install the screws until the heads just clear the top of the sliding window or door. (See *Figure B*)
4. If you have a double sliding window or door (ie. no stationary panel) repeat steps 1, 2, & 3 for the other side of the window.

Figure A

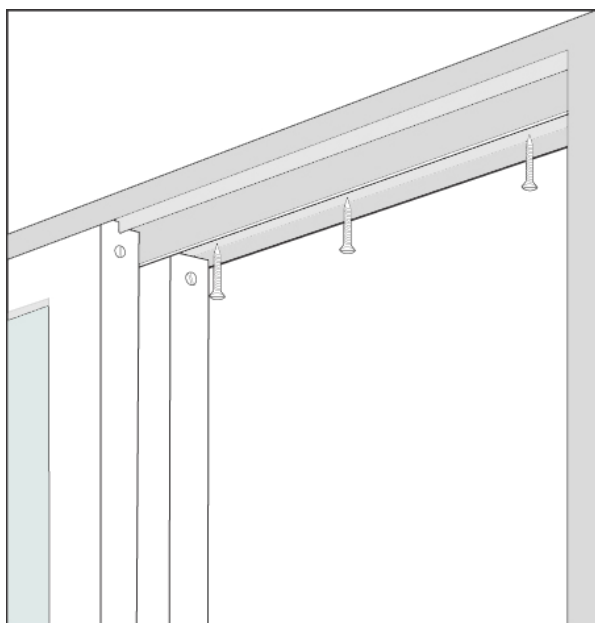


Figure B

