

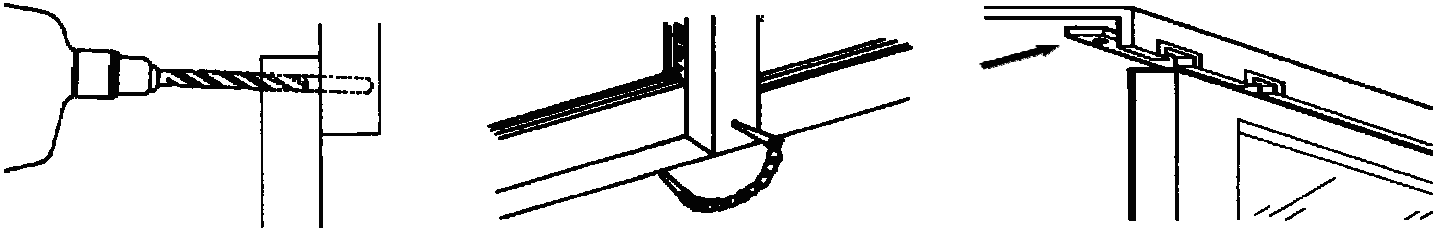
LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME ALERT NOTICE
CONVENTION CENTER AREA COMMAND

APARTMENT SECURITY PREVENTION NOTICE

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Convention Center Area Command is distributing this *Crime Alert Notice* which is intended to provide crime prevention tips to help you "**Target Harden**" your apartment/condo from being the target of a burglar.

WINDOW SECURITY

Remember when adding on any type of extra security lock or device, please consider that the window or door that you're trying to secure may also be used as an exit in case of a fire. Be sure that whatever device you install it should be installed (4) feet *or lower* due to hazardous smoke which accumulates in just few seconds during a fire. Vertical sliding (double hung) or horizontally sliding windows can be secured with a nail, metal pin or specially designed lock.



Also secure your window track by using a keyless latch or keyed slide bolt or a removable pin. Window tracks and glass sliding doors can be barred closed with a piece of wooden dowel fit snugly into the bottom track to prevent sliding and a small screw drilled into the top track to prevent it from being lifted. Another method of adding security to the glazing (glass area) of a window is to apply a shatter resistant film which strengthens the glass area.

DOOR SECURITY

Outside doors and frames should be in good condition and made of solid wood or steel. Frames in outside doors should fit snugly (within 1/4 inches) against the door. To keep patio doors from being lifted off its track, limit clearance by installing screws or a plate that protrude down from the top track. Deadbolt locks should have at least 3 1/2 inch screws in the striker plate into the door frame. The screws are what anchor the lock and door together.

For added security you can also consider a floor mounted door stop. This is much more effective than a door chain which is easily compromised with a good push.

If you have any information on a burglary please call Property Crimes Section 702-828-3204 or you can remain anonymous by calling **Crime Stoppers 385-5555**

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