



Lock Snapping

Lock snapping involves snapping the lock cylinder in two by applying force and removing the outside part to expose the lock mechanism, allowing the door to be unlocked. This technique is unsophisticated, not requiring any real skill or experience – just bodily pressure and force.

Whilst you may think that all the multi-locking points on your door make it secure, it's important to realise they are all operated by the cylinder – this is the weakest point and if compromised all the locking points are rendered useless.

Locks most at risk of lock snapping are fitted with a typical euro profile cylinder.

To combat this we would advise householders to upgrade any cylinder locks to anti-snap locks that are specifically designed to prevent this method of attack:

- Upgrade any cylinder locks to those rated 3 star under TS007 or the Sold Secure Diamond Standard (SS312).



Note the pre scored line at the front of the barrel resulting in the tip snapping but locking mechanism remaining intact.

- Security doors handles rated 2 star under TS007 or SS301 rated bronze or above by Sold Secure could also be considered.
- Cylinder locks should be measured properly to ensure the right size for your door. They should **NOT** be fitted so that they are left protruding from the door unit or handle.

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- Consider using a locksmith who is a member of the Master Locksmith Association - www.locksmiths.co.uk. Always obtain 3 quotes for the fitting of new locks to the standards referenced above and pick the one that best suits your circumstances.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously near to your premises please contact the police immediately with as detailed a description as possible of any person or vehicle involved. **Please call 999 if an emergency and urgent police assistance is required or 101 to report the matter to the police.**

For further advice contact your local police station or visit <http://www.scotland.police.uk/>