

General Information on Locks

Here is the page from the Secured by Design Website which is worth looking at:

www.securedbydesign.com/aware/locks.aspx

Eurocylinder Locks

Whichever lock you choose to replace your current Eurocylinder it should conform to BS EN 1303 Grade 3.

Mortice Deadlock

Mortice locks fit into a slot cut into the edge of the door and usually can only be opened with a key. These should be upgraded to 5-lever locks tested to BS: 3621. This is usually a minimum insurance requirement. The locks are based on a range of standard measurements, so with careful matching, replacement is easy. The deadlock means a thief can't smash a nearby glass panel to open the door from the inside or, having entered through a window, cannot carry your belongings out through the door.

Rim Lock or Night Latch

A rim lock is screwed to the face of the door and latches automatically when you close the door unless held open with the snib. Unless the lock is marked "deadlock", it can be opened by turning a knob. Rim locks should conform to BS: 3621.

Automatic Deadlocking Rim Lock

This locks automatically when the door is closed and is more secure than other types of rim latch. It needs a key to open it from both the inside and the outside and should meet BS: 3621. (Ideally both types of rim lock should be fitted to a door at roughly one third spacing. Use both to secure the empty home and just the night latch for regular use during occupancy)

Multi-point Locking

This involves several hooks or bolts holding the door into the frame. The lock cylinders should be tested to BS EN 1303 Grade 3 and can be replaced.

High Security Doors

If your door is BS: PAS24 and it requires replacement locks ensure they are changed like-for-like to maintain the level of security.

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