

# Secured by Design

Security and peace of mind in your new home



**You will have looked for many features when investing in your new home and it is reasonable that you should expect that the best attention has been given to your future safety and security.**

Whilst few buildings can truly claim to be crime-proof, the builder and architect of this house have taken specialist police advice on the layout and design features that can help reduce your risk of being a victim of crime.

Some of this advice included:

- Inspection of plans and security specifications
- Ensuring there is a clear distinction between public areas and your private space
- Avoidance of uncontrolled access to private land
- Care in designing public spaces

The physical protection of your home is also important and the following features have been included:

- Doors, including frames, fittings and locks have been independently tested to conform to the British Standard for enhanced security (BS PAS24)
- Windows tested to BS 7950 with locks and laminated glazing installed where required
- Door chains and security lighting as standard

The tests referred to above simulate common methods of burglar entry.

In recognition of this wide-ranging consideration for your security, the police services of the United Kingdom have awarded their prestigious Secured by Design certificate to this housing development.

Your home may be your greatest investment and you will want to protect it and feel safe within it. Secured by Design gives you the confidence that your security has been an important feature in the design and construction of your new house.

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### Your security for peace of mind

The standards adopted by Secured by Design aim to give you a high level of protection. British Standard, PAS 24 for door-sets means that a sample of the installed door, frame, locking mechanism and other components has been subjected to a simulated criminal attack at an independent test house. In the event that it becomes necessary to replace any security component please ensure that it is replaced like-for-like to retain the original security level.

Use the door and window locks provided, even if you are just going out for a short period of time. Your insurance company may reduce your claim in the event of losses suffered as a result of not securing your home.

Be aware of bogus callers who may attempt to enter your home so they or an accomplice can steal from you. Gas, water, electricity and other public utility representatives carry identification cards with free-to-phone or local-rate telephone numbers. Check before allowing them to enter your premises. Use your door viewer and door chain and if in doubt – keep them out.

Your valuable property should be marked and recorded. As well as the obvious domestic valuables, do not forget garden and garage equipment. Permanently mark your post code on each item or use a commercial marking system that meets police and Loss Prevention Certification Board (LCPB) standards.

You may require the installation of a burglar alarm. The police have rules for alarms that send messages requesting their attendance. These include minimum standards, avoidance of false alarms and installation by a company inspected by SSAIB or NSI, the independent inspection bodies. Ask for details of the rules before making a purchase.

If you change the design or layout of your home make sure you review your security and ensure all new doors and windows meet Secured by Design standards. You will also need to ensure that any building extensions do not provide easy access to burglars and that your alarm system is re-configured to detect the presence of intruders.

Get to know your neighbours. Look after each others homes when one of you is away and report suspected criminal activity to the police.

Secured by Design aims to give you confidence in the security of your new home, reducing any fears you may have for crime and encouraging your attention to crime prevention. For more information on these and other security measures and products visit our website at [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) or contact the community safety or crime reduction unit of your local police force.

For information on security, security products, meeting the police preferred specifications and details of this award, visit :

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