

Patio doors are a common point of entry for burglars, as 95% of the glass fitted to the doors is toughened rather than laminated which is far more secure.

There are a number of steps you can take to help secure your patio doors. Fitting stronger, reinforced door handles prevents the handles being broken off to access the lock cylinder. Fitting a "Patlock" or similar device between both of the handles on the inside of French doors can help to strengthen to locking mechanism.

For a visual deterrent, fitting a glass shock alarm (about £5 each) to the glass makes burglars think that an alarm will sound when the glass is smashed or the door lock/handle is attacked forcefully.

You should always take steps to prevent intruders getting to the rear of your property by locking any side gates. Deter people climbing over fences/walls by growing thorny plants such as pyracantha.

Simply fitting a length of 3"x2" wood that lies on the floor can prevent the attacked door from sliding open in some circumstances (if it's the inner door that slides across and not the outer one).