Domestic Locksmith Services

Practical locksmithing and home security advice, tailored to your property and budget.

Moving home? Start with the locks

When you move into a property, you may not know how many spare keys are still in circulation. Previous occupants, neighbours or contractors may have been given copies. Changing the locks helps you regain control of access to your home.

Will I need to replace the whole door?

Usually not. Many locks can be changed or upgraded while keeping the existing door and locking mechanism. We work with suitable uPVC, composite, timber and aluminium doors, and explain the options before any work starts.

One key for more than one door

Where the existing hardware is compatible, we can supply keyed-alike locks so one key operates several doors. It is a simple way to reduce the number of keys you carry.

Advice from an experienced locksmith

During a locksmith visit, we can highlight concerns with existing locks and suggest practical improvements. We do not advertise a standalone written security survey as a standard service.

Our approach

We explain what needs doing, why it matters and the available options. The right solution is not always the most expensive one.

Home Security & Lock Upgrades

Security that makes sense for your door, your needs and your budget.

Are your current locks secure enough?

A lock that works smoothly is not necessarily resistant to modern attack methods. We can check the type and condition of your existing locks during a visit and discuss possible improvements.

What is an anti-snap cylinder?

Some euro-profile cylinders can be vulnerable to lock snapping. Anti-snap designs aim to make this type of attack more difficult. Products vary significantly in how they resist snapping, picking and drilling, so the specific model and its independent test certification matter.

Standard, upgraded and high-security options

We supply cylinders across different price points, including products from ABS, Yale, ERA and other manufacturers. More affordable cylinders may offer useful anti-snap, anti-pick or anti-drill features, but should not be described as equivalent to independently certified high-security products. We explain the options and costs clearly.

For suitable euro-cylinder doors, higher-security options include TS007 three-star and Sold Secure Diamond-rated cylinders. For traditional timber doors, we also supply and fit appropriate British Standard mortice locks, including BS 3621-certified products. Not every mortice lock is BS 3621 certified; the correct standard and lock arrangement depend on the door and its use.

What about home insurance?

Some policies specify lock types or minimum standards for external doors and accessible windows. We can offer general guidance on recognised standards, including BS 3621 for appropriate mortice locks and relevant cylinder security ratings. Your insurer and individual policy determine the requirements; please check with them directly.

More than just the cylinder

Where appropriate, we can supply additional door and window security products. The condition of the frame, hinges, handles, keeps and other hardware can also affect overall security.