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Just pushing the handle up will not stop someone from entering**

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It's important to remember these tips when buying, installing and using uPVC doors and windows:

UPVC doors

- If your house is fitted with UPVC doors make sure you always lock the door with a key as just pushing the handle up does not secure the door.
- Ensure that you engage the multi-locking mechanism before you turn the key and that the door is securely locked.

Patio and French doors

- Patio doors should have a minimum of three locking points, with an anti-lift device to prevent them from being lifted from their runners.
- Always remember to lock your patio doors with the key and remove the key from the lock.

This also applies to uPVC windows which should be shut then locked with the key otherwise they are not secure!

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