

Safer places of Worship

Windows

Windows are the most common points of entry for criminals and are often the target of malicious damage by vandals and accidental damage.

It is important, to protect windows especially when they are:-

- of a high value;
- the church has a close proximity to public roads or if windows are damaged regularly;
- The church is obscured from public view
- There is high value of property inside the building.



This list is not exhaustive and considerable thought should be given to whether you need to protect all or some of the windows in your building.

A way to do this is to use additional external barriers of laminated or toughened glass or polycarbonate sheeting set in well-secured frames. As well as being effective barriers in themselves they do not spoil the aesthetic appearance of, for example, stained glass.

In some cases the only solution may be to fit external weld mesh grilles welded to a strong metal frame and securely fixed to the structure of the building.