

Security – Dwellings

# Q

APPROVED DOCUMENT

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## NEW BUILDING REGULATIONS - DOCUMENT Q

Document Q is the building regulations for the security of dwellings, effective from **1st October 2015**.

This regulation aims to improve the security of any **new-build** dwelling, or any existing properties with areas that have been converted into living spaces eg **extensions** or **garage/loft conversions**. Replacement windows or doors in existing properties are currently not included in Document Q.



Work started before 1st October 2015 is also excluded, as well as work subject to a building notice, full plans application or initial notice submitted before this date; providing the work is started on site before 1st October 2016.

The new guidelines state that 'reasonable provision must be made to resist unauthorised access', and asks that this be achieved by increasing the level of security in windows and doors.

### WINDOWS

Ground floor, basement and other easily accessible windows (including easily accessible rooflights) should be 'secure' and made to a design that has been shown by test to meet the security requirements of British Standard PAS24:12 or have achieved Secured by Design status.

*\*If a garage has no interconnecting door into the dwelling, then the garage door is not included in Document Q. However, if there is an interconnecting door into the dwelling from the garage, then either the garage door or the interconnecting door must be made 'secure' as above.*

### DOORS

All doorsets (including garage doors\* and communal entrance doors) that provide access into the dwelling or into a building containing a dwelling must be 'secure' and made to a design that has been shown by test to meet the security requirements of British Standard PAS24:12 or have achieved Secured by Design status.

At Climatec, we are able to supply windows and doors that have been tested and certified to the security requirements required to comply with Document Q. Furthermore these windows and doors have also achieved Secured By Design accreditation.

Contact us for more information:

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