

# Outdated Locks Leave Irish Homes Vulnerable: Dialock LTD Urges Security Upgrades

*Irish homes still rely on locks over 20 years old, leaving them vulnerable to modern burglary methods. Dialock LTD highlights the need for urgent upgrades.*

DUBLIN, UNITED KINGDOM, November 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Most Irish Homes Still Rely on Outdated Locks Installed Over 20 Years Ago, Says Dialock LTD

A significant number of Irish homes are still protected by outdated locks installed more than two decades ago, leaving homeowners vulnerable to forced entry and modern burglary techniques, according to new insights shared by David from Dialock LTD, a professional [locksmith service](#) operating across Dublin and surrounding areas.

While Ireland has seen rapid improvements in home security technologies, many properties continue to rely on older euro cylinders and basic door hardware that no longer meet modern security standards. These older locks were never designed to withstand techniques commonly used today, such as lock snapping, drilling, cylinder extraction, or silent bypass methods.

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*David, Dialock*

“A lot of homeowners think a solid-looking door equals good security. But the weak point is almost always the lock,” says David from Dialock LTD. “We regularly visit

homes with cylinders that can be compromised in under a minute. People don't realise that



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modern burglars don't 'pick' locks — they use force-based methods that older hardware simply isn't built to resist."

## Old Locks: A Hidden Weakness in Irish Homes

Dialock LTD reports that:

- Many properties built between 1990-2010 still have original cylinders.
- Basic euro-profile cylinders with no anti-snap or anti-drill features remain extremely common.
- uPVC doors often have multipoint mechanisms, but the cylinder is the weak point and can be broken without triggering the system.
- Homeowners often upgrade alarms but neglect the physical security layer.



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Modern burglars typically target the cylinder directly. If it lacks anti-snap reinforcements, the entire lock can be removed in seconds, giving full access to the door mechanism.

## Modern Security Hardware Offers Significant Protection

Today's high-security cylinders include features such as:

- Anti-snap break points
- Anti-drill hardened pins
- Anti-bump technology
- Reinforced bars
- Restricted key profiles

These upgrades dramatically increase the time, noise, and difficulty required for a break-in.

"It's the simplest and most cost-effective security upgrade a homeowner can make," says David. "Replacing a cylinder costs far less than dealing with a burglary. For most doors, the installation takes minutes and brings the lock up to modern standards immediately."

## Why Irish Homes Haven't Upgraded

Several factors contribute to the widespread use of outdated locks in Ireland:

- Locks installed during construction were never updated.

- Homeowners assume the door is secure because it “feels solid.”
- Many don't realise how drastically burglary methods have changed.
- The low cost of replacement leads people to underestimate the importance of upgrading.

Unlike electronics or alarms, locks rarely fail - so they're simply forgotten.

#### A Simple Check Homeowners Can Do Today

Dialock LTD advises every homeowner to perform a basic check:

1. Look at the cylinder:

If it protrudes from the handle, it's highly vulnerable to snapping.

2. Check the brand:

Unknown or unmarked cylinders are almost always outdated.

3. Test the key:

If it's thin and flexible, it likely belongs to an older, low-security model.

4. Consider the age of the home:

If the lock is more than 10-15 years old, it's time to upgrade.

#### Ireland's Security Gap Is Avoidable

While Ireland has relatively low burglary rates compared to some European countries, opportunistic entry remains common — and outdated locks make it much easier.

“Our message is simple: if your lock hasn't been updated in years, it's not keeping up with modern threats,” says David. “A security upgrade takes minutes and eliminates the biggest weakness in most Irish homes.”

#### About Dialock LTD

Dialock LTD is a professional [locksmith service based in Dublin](#), offering emergency lockouts, security upgrades, lock replacements, access solutions, uPVC door services, and commercial locksmith support. The company prioritises transparent pricing, high-quality hardware, and industry-standard best practices.

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