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The British Standard for security (BS7950) which is a requirement for 'Secured By Design' was established in 1997, the test was then revised in 2007 (issue 3: for enhanced security). The new revision allowed for a far more stringent security test to be carried on windows, taking into consideration extreme external forces.

We investigated the new testing procedures and found that a sliding sash window, fitted with standard hardware would fall short of complying in several areas. With security becoming more and more of an issue, we are looking at ways to achieve a suitable window.