

# Checklist Security at home



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## Door cylinder



### **The door cylinder is part of the comprehensive "safe door" system.**

You can check whether you are on the "safe side" using this checklist. Certain cylinders offer conveniences that you can also take advantage of by reading through the checklist.

#### • **Can the key only be reproduced with a security card?**

No? You can never be sure of who might still have a copy of the key. With profile cylinders furnished with a security card, copies can only be made by manufacturers or authorized dealers! Watch the film "Schwarze Schlüssel" ("Unauthorized Key Copies") in the Service area.

#### • **Do you use knob cylinders in your household (exception: glass doors)?**

(Ease of handling is just one aspect, e.g. for frail persons – particularly in hazardous situations, such a cylinder does not require that you search for a key. In case of small children in the household, the knob cylinder should only be used in combination with an additional door lock, since it would otherwise be too easy to open the door.)

#### • **Does your cylinder have an emergency and hazard function?**

(If worse comes to worst, you can open the door using a second key even if a key is inserted on the inside. For example, when a person is sleeping inside or if the person forgot to remove the key from inside when pulling the door closed.) No? Consider how easily one of these situations could come to pass.

#### • **Does your cylinder protrude by more than 3 mm?**

You can determine the correct cylinder by adding together the thickness of the door and of the protective hardware. Yes? Then you should obtain a correctly sized cylinder as soon as possible, since this protrusion can mean loss of insurance protection. ABUS offers a gauge that allows you to determine the precise size – or you can use our diagram as a guide.

#### • **Do you need to get out a different key for every lock?**

(Forget your big key ring – a locking system can help. All locks from your garage to your front door can be operated with just one key.) Yes? This need not be relevant to security, but anyone who has gotten to know the advantages of having just one key does not want live without this convenience.

#### • **Useful knowledge about the door cylinder**

The door cylinder is the smaller component of the combination of the door cylinder and the protective hardware. Particularly for apartment and house front doors, you should consider both of these security-relevant items, including the security strike plate. Protective hardware with withdrawal protection is recommended. Not relevant to security, but good to know: depending on your preferences, the door cylinder can be ordered in the same color as the protective hardware.

#### • **"Save the pants!"**

Everyone knows this problem. You're in a hurry, you stick your key ring into your pants pocket, and when you pull it back out, you hear a distinct tearing noise. The edge of the key tears a hole in your pants or pulls threads. This can't happen with reversible keys. In contrast to most keys, this key form does not have "teeth" – a profile on both sides without edges and corners operates the lock mechanism and provides more locking variants. Upgrade to this system – not just for the sake of your pants...