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## **NEW DWELLINGS**

Approved Document Q is a standard for the security of doors and windows in new dwellings, which came into force in October 2015.

Document Q is part of the Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations 2015 which details the standards required for doors and windows to resist physical attack by a burglar.

Document Q applies only to new dwelling and includes standards to ensure both doors and windows are of a sufficiently robust design, use appropriate hardware and make reasonable provision to resist unauthorised access to any new dwelling from the ground floor, basement or within two metres of a flat surface (such as a flat roof or access balcony).

Doors and windows installed in these locations in new dwellings must be compliant with the requirements of Document Q and classified as a 'Secure Door Set' or a 'Secure Window'.

## **EXTENSIONS TO AN EXSISTING DWELLING**

Document Q standards are not applicable to door and windows in an extension to an existing dwelling.

## **CHANGE OF USE OF A DWELLING**

If the building or part of the building undergoes a 'Material change of Use', where Scenarios like a conversion of a barn or garage into a dwelling or rooms or where the renovations to a property are so extensive, Building Control could consider effectively it is a new dwelling.

Document Q standards may be a requirement, so seek advice from 'Planning and Building Control'.

## **REPLACEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS INTO AN EXSISTING DWELLING**

Document Q standards are not applicable to any doors and windows being 'replaced' in an existing dwelling.

## **CAN SUPAGLAZING ONLINE SUPPLY DOORS AND WINDOWS WHICH ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF DOCUMENT Q ?**

Yes. The Supaglazing Online Supafold aluminium Bi-fold doors, Patio doors and window range can be supplied as 'Secure Door sets' and 'Secure Windows' as defined by Document Q. Having undertaken and passed testing by a UKAS accredited test house, to PAS 24:2012 – Enhanced Security Performance requirements for door sets and windows in the UK.