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*Office of the Commissioner*

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Perry L. Anderson, Jr.  
 Police Commissioner

Robert W. Healy  
 City Manager

TO: All Commanding Officers DATE: July 26, 1995

FROM: Perry L. Anderson, Jr. Police Commissioner SUBJECT: General Order #1 Series of 1995

REF: Policy on the Release of Information on Sexual Assault Incidents

The following revision of General Order #1 of 1995 supersedes and replaces the previous version dated February 6, 1995.

Changes and alterations have been made to sections 1.b. and c. and sections 2. a. and g.

In order to alert the public to sexual assault offenses within the City's neighborhoods, certain factual information will be released to the public. This information will not compromise the confidentiality of the victim or the investigation in accordance with the mandates of Chapter 41, Section 97D, M.G.L. (Rape Shield Law). Adequate knowledge of an offense will prevent rumors which foster a decreased sense of safety in the community. Some incidents which are initially reported as sexual assaults result in being classified as a different type of crime or no crime at all. In order to prevent undue concern in the community, only confirmed incident information will be disseminated.

1. The supervisor (or designee) of the Sexual Assault Unit will be responsible for the following immediate notifications which will be made in the event of a confirmed "stranger" rape incident:

a. Public Information Unit

The Public Information Officer will be notified of the commencement of the sexual assault unit investigation. The P.I.O. will be responsible for effecting timely notification to the media with an emphasis on both our local newspapers and weekly cable television police show.

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b. The Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

Because of its history and continued efforts on behalf of the women of Cambridge, this Commission is the appropriate agency to assist the Police Department in developing neighborhood contacts for sexual assault information. Each Neighborhood should have two (2) contact persons who are members of CARA (Cambridge Area Rape Alliance) and attend revitalized monthly meetings. The Police Department will notify the Director or Staff of the Women's Commission immediately of any reported sexual assault in the city.

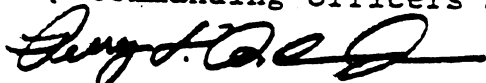
c. The Community Relations Unit

The Community Relations Supervisor will notify the designated neighborhood representatives as soon as possible following any reported sexual assault in their area/neighborhood.

2. The supervisor (or designee) of the Sexual Assault Unit will decide which details will be released for public awareness. At a minimum, the following information will be provided as soon as practical:

- a. The "Neighborhood" location where the incident occurs, i.e., "The 100 block of Brookline Street".
- b. The date and time of the incident.
- c. Information concerning the description of any suspect(s).
- d. Details of suspect methods used that would not compromise the investigation.
- e. The name of the investigator(s) who is assigned to the case.
- f. Continuous status/update will be provided to P.I.O., C.R.U. and the Women's Commission.
- g. All notifications will be made verbally and followed up with written notification.

This order will take effect upon receipt and promulgated by Commanding Officers at Eight Roll Calls.



Perry L. Anderson, Jr.  
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November 1, 1995

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Mr. Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
City of Cambridge  
Cambridge, Mass.

Subject: City Council Agenda Item # 2, dated 9/18/95  
City Council Order # 21, dated 10/2/95  
City Council Order # 65, dated 10/16/95

Sir:

The Police Department continues to disseminate information and inform the community of sexual assault incidents in compliance with Department policy (see enclosed). Ms. Nancy Ryan and other representatives of the Women's Commission are extensively briefed as to the status of incidents and investigations. The Police Department is prohibited, by law, of providing "detailed descriptions of rape incidents."

The reporting statistics will bear out the fact that there are no patterns of sexual assaults in the Cambridgeport area or anywhere else in the City of Cambridge. Of the 32 reported sexual assaults to date in 1995, 27 cases have been cleared. In the past two years, there have been three (3) reported cases of sexual assault as a result of a "forced entry". In each case, the suspect described is completely different.

Both uniformed and non-uniformed police presence has been increased in the Cambridgeport - Neighborhood 5 area. In addition to regularly assigned mobile patrols, regularly assigned walking patrols have been added during the evening hours as well as overtime assignments.

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The Police Department is willing and eager to be involved in developing a public information campaign regarding personal safety geared to persons using the Central Square area.



Perry L. Anderson, Jr.  
Police Commissioner

PLA:smc

cc: Superintendent Harold Murphy, Operations Division  
Superintendent Walter Boyle, Support Services Division

Enclosure



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

September 12, 1995

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Bob Bersani, Inspectional Services

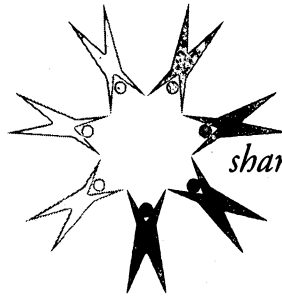
RE: Council Order #90, dated 7/31/95 RE: Implementing Suggested  
Ways of Trying to Prevent Violence Against Women

I have coordinated with the Law Department on this Council Order and I concur with the comments contained in their memorandum of September 12, 1995.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. R. Bersani".

R. R. Bersani



sharing resources...building community

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Robert W. Healy

From: Jill Herold *[Signature]*

Date: October 30 1995

Re: Awaiting report #090, dated 9/18/95 regarding further information on ways to prevent Domestic Violence and Sexual Assaults against women

Jill Herold  
Assistant City Manager

Childcare

Commission for  
Persons with Disabilities

Community and Youth

Community  
Learning Center

Coordinating Council for  
Children, Youth and Families  
(Kids' Council)

Council on Aging;  
Elderly Services

Low Income  
Fuel Assistance

Multi-Service Center;  
Homeless Services

Office of Workforce  
Development

Planning & Development

Recreation

The Community and Youth Division collaborated with the Area IV Crime Task Force in sponsoring self defense workshops for women residing in Area IV. During the late spring and early summer of 1994, workshops were sponsored at the Pisani Center and Area IV Youth Center. Thomas Kaveney of the Cambridge Police Department's Domestic Assault Unit was the facilitator for these workshops.

In addition to these workshops, Graham and Parks Neighborhood Council and the Morse Neighborhood Council have worked in collaboration with the Women's Commission in sponsoring several meetings in the Cambridgeport neighborhood to address issues of women's safety. The Graham and Parks Council is currently working with Sue Kale of the Cambridge Police Department to sponsor a self defense workshop for women within the next two months.

Youth Centers throughout the city will continue to collaborate with the Dating Violence Intervention Project, Transition House and Emerge in sponsoring educational workshops. These workshops have been offered each year, generally in the spring, in each of our youth centers. The Youth Program Developer is currently exploring with the Cambridge Police Department the possibility of offering women's self defense workshops in each of our Youth Centers over the next 3 months.



Additionally, the Department of Human Services, through Community Development Block Grant funds, allocates approximately \$47,000 to contracts with area agencies to provide women with training, counseling, and support in the area of domestic violence and sexual abuse. The specific organizations funded are the Women's Center, Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services, and Transition House.

JH/cg



**City of Cambridge**  
**Department of Human Service Programs**

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139  
(617) 349-6200, Fax (617) 349-6248

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy  
FROM: Jill Herold  
DATE: September 4, 1995  
RE: Council Order #90, dated 07/31/95,

The Community and Youth Division has worked in collaboration with the Area IV Crime Task Force in sponsoring Self Defense Workshops for women at the Area IV Youth Center. Additionally, all of the Youth Centers have worked closely with Transition House, Emerge and the Dating Violence Intervention Program in sponsoring workshops for youth center members to address issues of dating violence.

The Community Schools Program has worked in collaboration with the Women's Commission to sponsor workshops on issues of women's safety and helped organized the Women's Health Forum at the Graham and Parks School.

The Community and Youth Programs will continue to offer workshops on a regular basis during the coming year.

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**DIVISIONS:**

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Community Learning Center  
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Community & Youth  
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Council on Aging/Elderly Services  
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Low Income Fuel Assistance  
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Planning & Development  
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Recreation  
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MultiService Center/Homeless Services  
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**Ralph E. Dunphy**  
Commissioner

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**TO:** Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

**FROM:**  Ralph E. Dunphy  
Public Works Commissioner

**DATE:** August 7, 1995

**SUBJECT:** Council Order #90, dated 7/31/95  
**RE:** Implementing Suggested Ways Of  
Trying To Prevent Violence Against  
Women

The number one priority in the Forestry Division is to trim all trees that are obstructing street lights. We are requesting the City's help in this undertaking by urging residents, businesses and City Departments to report these obstructions to the Forestry Division at 349-4886.





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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Robert W. Healy, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald A. Drisdell *DAO*

**DATE:** September 12, 1995

**RE:** Council Order #90, dated 7/31/95  
Re: Implementing Suggested Ways Of Trying  
To Prevent Violence Against Women

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The Law Department has reviewed the above referenced Council Order to ensure that the City's implementation of the suggested ways to prevent violence against women complies with applicable provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth. I have set forth below our findings and comments.

#### **A. Introduction**

1) There are no legal problems as to the proposal to trim trees so that street lights are more visible.

2) There are no legal problems with regard to the question of whether existing Adult Education or Youth Center programs can offer self-defense classes on a regular basis.

3) Several of the proposed provisions to change "existing building and/or zoning ordinances" would be governed by the State Building Code and/or the State Sanitary Code, as Cambridge neither has nor can legally have a local building ordinance. See, M.G.L. Chapter 143 §3A, and 780 Code of Massachusetts Regulations ("CMR") §§ 100.2, 100.4, 101.1. As none of the proposed provisions appear to be within the scope of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, that Ordinance would not be involved.

Pursuant to the exclusivity provisions of M.G.L. c. 143 §3A, no local ordinance that conflicts with or is more restrictive than the State Building Code is permissible. Thus, any of the proposed provisions requiring landlords to incorporate changes which

conflict with or are more restrictive than the State Building Code may not be enacted by the City Council as a Cambridge Ordinance. The proposed provisions relate to the thickness or quality of exterior doors, installation of deadbolts, exterior lighting, window pins, front door peep holes, buzzers and intercoms, and interior door hinges. Of those, only the installation of deadbolts and exterior lighting are specifically covered by provisions of the State Building Code. The other proposed provisions (thickness or quality of exterior doors, front door peep holes, intercoms, buzzers, window pins and interior door hinges) are not directly addressed by the State Building Code.

#### **B. The State Building Code**

Specifically, the State Building Code, 780 CMR 100.1 et seq., and the State Sanitary Code, where applicable, address the following provisions with regard to residential dwelling units.

1) Thickness or quality of exterior doors: The State Building Code specifies the height and width of exterior doors, and has fire rating requirements applicable to them, but does not require that they be of any particular thickness or quality. The Sanitary Code requires that entry doors of every dwelling be capable of being reasonably secured from unlawful entry.

2) Installation of deadbolts: The Building Code permits the installation of deadbolts, night latches, and security chains on the exterior doors of individual dwelling units, which would apply to single family homes and to doors to individual apartment units. Such locking devices must be readily opened from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. Such locking devices would not be permitted on exterior doors of multiple unit buildings, such as apartment buildings.

3) Exterior lighting: The Building Code requires that exit discharge areas of all apartment and multiple unit buildings be lighted. In addition, the Sanitary Code requires that every porch and exterior stairway be lighted.

4) Buzzers: M.G.L. c. 143 §3R requires that every apartment or multiple unit building with three units or more which have a common entry be equipped to close and lock automatically, with a lock that has an electronically operated striker mechanism (a buzzer).

5) Window pins: While the Building Code and Sanitary Code do not specifically address window pins, the Building Code's emergency escape provisions would require that all egress or rescue windows have certain height and width net clearance dimensions, that such windows be operable from the inside without the use of tools, and that bars, grilles or screens placed over emergency escape windows be releasable from the inside without the use of a

key, tool or excessive force or special knowledge.

6) Intercoms: Although Cambridge previously had an Ordinance requiring intercoms (#854, dated 9/18/75), that Ordinance was repealed when M.G.L. c. 143 §3R was enacted, which provides that buzzers be required as above noted. Intercoms are not covered by the provisions of that statute, however, and thus, there is currently no requirement that dwelling units have intercoms.

7) Interior door hinges: There are no provisions regulating interior door hinges in either the Building Code or the Sanitary Code.

All of the above proposed provisions are either covered by the State Building Code, or are arguably within the scope of its stated purpose, which is "to insure public safety, health and welfare insofar as they are affected by building construction through structural strength, adequate egress facilities, sanitary conditions, equipment, light and ventilation and fire safety; and, in general, to secure safety to life and property". Thus, arguably, any local measures requiring actions not currently required by the State Building Code may be construed to be more restrictive than the provisions of the Building Code, which has a very broad sweep, and which exclusively controls regulation of all areas it covers.

### C. Implementing Proposed Changes

The following are the only ways in which the City can attempt to implement the proposed provisions:

1) Under the Building Code, 780 CMR 101.3, the local building official shall determine "any requirements essential for structural, fire or sanitary safety of an existing or proposed building or structure, or essential for the safety of the occupants thereof, and which is not specifically covered" by the State Building Code. In the event that the building official determines any such requirements, he or she must notify in writing, within seven working days of any action taken under that section, both the State Board of Building Regulations (the "BBRS") and the Department of Public Safety. Section 109.1 of the State Building Code provides that "the BBRS is empowered in the interest of public safety, health and general welfare, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, and to interpret and implement the provisions of [the State Building Code] to secure the intent thereof". Under this provision, the Cambridge Building Commissioner could take action to implement the proposed changes, notify the BBRS, and ask that the BBRS adopt and promulgate appropriate rules and regulations.

2) M.G.L. Chapter 143 §97 and Section 109.2 of the State Building Code provide that "any person may propose amendments to

[the State Building Code]. Public hearings shall be held in the city of Boston in May and November of each year, and at such other times and places as the BBRs may determine, to consider petitions for such amendments. Amendments adopted by the BBRs shall be binding and have full force and effect in all cities and towns". Under this provision, the City Council or any person could propose that the BBRs promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to implement the proposed provisions.

3) Under M.G.L. Chapter 143 §98, the City Council "may recommend to the [BBRS] the adoption of rules and regulations imposing more restrictive standards than those adopted by the State Building Code for construction, alteration, repair, demolition and removal (of structures) in (Cambridge)", and if the BBRs "finds that more restrictive standards are reasonably necessary because of special conditions prevailing within (Cambridge) and that such standards conform with accepted national and local engineering and fire prevention practices, with public safety and with the general purposes of a statewide building code, the [BBRS] may, after notice to (the City Council), and after a public hearing, adopt rules and regulations, impose conditions in connection with the adoption thereof and terminate such rules and regulations at such time and in such manner as the [BBRS] may deem necessary, desirable or proper". Under this provision, the City Council could propose that the BBRs promulgate rules and regulations to implement the proposed provisions, which would apply specifically to Cambridge alone, and which would be desirable due to special conditions prevailing within Cambridge.



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February 1, 1996

Mr. Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
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**Re: Council Order #25 dated 1/29/96 Regarding  
Ways To Prevent Domestic Violence  
And Sexual Assaults Against Women**

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am providing a summary of issues that were raised in our earlier response to the City Council regarding the above referenced matter for the Council's convenience, and am also attaching a Proposed Revision To The State Building Code for submission to the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards (the "BBRS"), and a Draft Home Rule Petition To Require Intercoms In Certain Buildings (every apartment building having more than three apartments).

As the Council will recall, we previously advised them that pursuant to the exclusivity provisions of M.G.L. c. 143 §3A, no local ordinance that conflicts with or is more restrictive than the State Building Code is permissible. See, M.G.L. Chapter 143 §3A, and 780 Code of Massachusetts Regulations ("CMR") §§ 100.2, 100.4, 101.1. Thus, any of the proposed provisions requiring landlords to incorporate changes which conflict with or are more restrictive than the State Building Code may not be enacted by the City Council as a Cambridge Ordinance, and the City must seek to do one of the following:

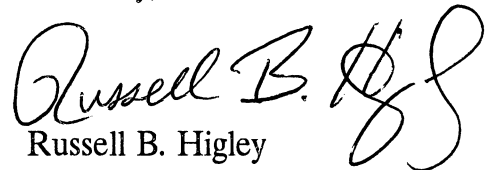
1) Submit a proposal to the State Board of Building Regulations seeking to amend the State Building Code. M.G.L. Chapter 143 §97 and Section 109.2 of the State Building Code provide that "any person may propose amendments to [the State Building Code]. Public hearings shall be held in the city of Boston in May and November of each year, and at such other times and places as the BBRS may determine, to consider petitions for such amendments. Amendments adopted by the BBRS shall be binding and have full force and effect in all cities and towns".

Under this provision, the City Council could submit a Proposed Amendment to The State Building Code, a draft version of which is attached hereto for consideration, proposing that the BBRS promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to implement the proposed provisions, which would apply statewide.

2) The City Council could petition the State Legislature to enact a statute or an amendment to an existing statute providing for greater safety protections, such as requiring apartment buildings with four or more apartments to have an intercom system at the front door to the building, a proposed draft version of which is attached hereto for consideration.

While there are some other possible approaches, we think the attached draft petitions for statewide changes to the General Laws and the State Building Code may represent the best possibility for success.

Sincerely,

  
Russell B. Higley

**DRAFT**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE REVISION PROPOSAL FORM (6TH Ed.)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Code Section No. Articles 8 and 34

Proponent: City of Cambridge

Address: City Hall - 795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

**The Type Of Amendment Proposed**

Change Section As Follows: To amend certain provisions of Article 8 and Article 34 as set forth below.

Delete Section And Substitute As Follows: See below.

Add New Section As Follows: See below.

Delete Section - No Substitute: See below.

**Proposed Code Amendments:**

1) To amend certain provisions of Article 8 "Means of Egress" to require that all owners of dwelling units and structures must provide reasonable egress from such dwelling units and structures while assuring the security of occupants.

a) Section 812.1 "General" to be amended to add the following after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "The provisions of Article 8, §812.0 shall apply to all Use Group "R, Residential Uses" structures, including one and two-family dwellings."

b) Section 812.3 "Size of Doors" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0. At least one such exterior door in each dwelling unit shall be fitted with fire door viewers (peepholes) meeting the requirements for 20-minute fire doors approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc."

c) Section 812.4 "Door Hardware" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "Door hardware for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

d) Section 812.4.1 "Locks and Latches" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "Locks and latches for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

e) Section 812.8 "Window and Door Alarm Devices" to be added as follows: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures and all windows located on the first floor or off any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have a sensitive battery operated alarm device sufficient to reasonably warn occupants of unlawful entry thereto."

f) Section 824.0 "Means of Egress Lighting" to be amended to delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and to insert in its place "All means of egress in all buildings, including buildings of Use Group "R, Residential Uses" shall be equipped with artificial lighting facilities to provide the intensity of illumination herein prescribed continuously during the time that conditions of occupancy of the building require that the exits be available."

2) To amend certain provisions of Article 34 "Building Code Provisions For One And Two-Family Dwellings" to require that all owners of dwelling units and structures must provide reasonable egress from such dwelling units and structures while assuring the security of occupants.

a) Section 3400.1.1 "Basic Code Provisions" to be amended to add the following after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "The provisions of Article 8, §§812.0 and 8.24.0 shall apply to all one and two-family dwellings."

b) Section 3401.10.4.2 "Exitway Doorways" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0. At least one such exterior door in each dwelling unit shall be fitted with fire door viewers (peepholes) meeting the requirements for 20-minute fire doors approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc."

c) Section 3401.10.4.5 "Door Hardware" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "Door hardware for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

d) Section 3401.10.1.1 "Locks and Latches" to be added as follows: "Locks and latches for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

e) Section 3401.10.1.2 "Window and Door Alarm Devices" to be added as follows: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures and all windows located on the first floor or off any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have a sensitive battery operated alarm device sufficient to reasonably warn occupants of unlawful entry thereto."

f) Section 3401.10.1.3 "Means of Egress Lighting" to be added as follows: "All means of egress in all one and two-family dwellings shall be equipped with artificial lighting facilities to provide the intensity of illumination prescribed in the provisions of Article 8, §824.0 continuously during the time that conditions of occupancy of the building require that the exits be available."

Supporting Statement:

Because of the growing threat of unlawful entry to dwelling units and violent acts committed against occupants within the City of Cambridge and other parts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is necessary to amend certain provisions of the State Building Code to require that measures be taken to provide reasonable egress from such dwelling units and structures while assuring the security of all such occupants and inhabitants of dwelling units.



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX

## AN ACT

TO PERMIT THE ENACTMENT OF A PROVISION REQUIRING AN INTERCOM SYSTEM IN ALL APARTMENT HOUSES HAVING MORE THAN THREE APARTMENTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 3R of Chapter 143 as appearing in the official 1995 edition, is hereby amended by adding in the first sentence of the first paragraph after the word mechanism, the following language: and intercom to each apartment.

House, No. ....

**BILL**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in General Court assembled.*

*The undersigned, citizens of.....Cambridge....., respectfully  
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation to permit the enactment  
of a provision requiring an intercom system in all apartment houses  
having more than three apartments.*

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**Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.**

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**PETITION—HOUSE**

*Rep.* .....

*of* .....

*presents the petition of* .....

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[Accompanied by bill, House, No.

HOUSE OF REPS., ....., 199 .

*Referred to the* ..... *Committee on*

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*Sent to the Senate for concurrence.*

....., *Clerk.*

SENATE, ....., 199 .

*The Senate concurs.*

....., *Clerk.*

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- b. Run public awareness articles on these requirements in the Tab and Chronicle and on public access TV.
- c. During future inspections and complaint investigations, treat these as special interest items and check to insure these requirements are being met. Take appropriate action if they are not.

Implementation of these recommendations has begun.

**(3) Specific classes and dates by the Department of Human Services with regard to self-defense workshops:**

Attached please find a report prepared by Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

**(4) Installation of call boxes:**

The City has installed Police Emergency Call Boxes in remote locations, where access to telephones do not exist. These locations (and number of call boxes) include: Fresh Pond (5), Linear Park (1), Russell Field (2), Danehy Park (2), and St. Peter's Field/Roethlisberger Memorial Park (2). The cost of each installation is approximately \$4,300 plus the cost of the monthly telephone line charge.

It should be noted that as parks are constructed, an electrical conduit is usually installed for a future installation of a call box, if and when necessary, which saves the cost of placing the conduit at a later date.

**(5) Installation of Window Pins:**

In an earlier response to the Council on this subject, it was noted that, although the Building Code does not address window pins, the code does indicate that egress or rescue windows be operable from the inside without the use of tools, and the bars, grills, or screens placed over escape windows be releasable from the inside without the use of keys, tools or excessive force or knowledge.

As the same windows likely to be of concern from a security standpoint would likely be of use in emergency egress situations, the securing of a window sash with a pin from the inside should be carefully considered. There is the very real potential that a casual visitor or a disoriented occupant in a crisis situation, e.g., a fire, would be unable to open the window for egress or to summon assistance. Similarly, there is the potential that rescue personnel would have difficulty accessing the building.

From a practical viewpoint, window pins would be no safer than a conventional window lock as, under either situation, an intruder could break the window in order to release the lock or pull the

pins.

Possibly a more appropriate method of providing security for accessible windows might be by an alarm system or device. Simple and inexpensive security devices on the market now include sensitive battery operated alarms that can be fixed to doors and windows that are activated by vibration.

As to Fire Department personnel assisting in the installation of devices in people's home, this is problematic for several reasons including potential liability issues in the event of property damage or failure of the equipment, and labor relations issues. These additional duties would need to be bargained with the Firefighters' Union.

**(6) Description of rape incidents in Cambridgeport and review of Police patrols in Cambridgeport/Riverside community.**

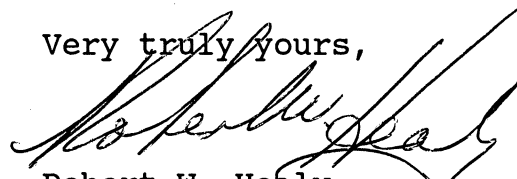
Please find attached reports from the Police Department.

In addition I would like to note that the City is maintaining its efforts towards improving and coordinating city-wide efforts in addressing domestic violence. Since April 1995, the City has initiated a planning process and a conceptual framework involving over 80 domestic violence specialists who have volunteered over 1,000 hours of their time. Working closely with Nancy Ryan, Executive Director of the Commission of the Status of Women, and Richard Wright, Violence Prevention Coordinator, they have generated a "Working Document," calling for the creation of a holistic, longitudinal framework in addressing domestic violence. The Health Policy Board adopted the proposal in December, and earlier this month, I convened a meeting with Department Heads to continue the process of developing a coordinated domestic violence effort. As a result of this meeting, specified departments are conducting a "feasibility assessment," to analyze, modify and make recommendations on the initiatives articulated in the document.

Revisions are currently being made to the document. It will be forwarded to the City Council in the near future.

For your additional information, I am also attaching the original response sent to the City Council last year on this Council Order.

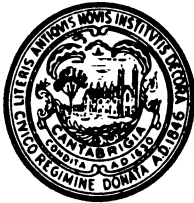
Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

Attachments

23.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI  
Deputy City Manager

February 5, 1996

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #46 regarding ways to prevent domestic violence and sexual assaults against women, below please find a response to each specific request.

**(1) Appropriate language and petition to the legislature to change the building code:**

Attached please find a draft petition to the State Board of Building Regulators and Standards which has authority to amend the building code, and a draft Home Rule Petition to require intercom systems in certain buildings.

**(2) Specific recommendations from Inspectional Services to ensure compliance with rules and regulations applicable to hallway lighting:**

The State Building Code requires continuous lighting at all egresses for apartment and multi-family buildings; the State Sanitary Code has similar provisions. The State Sanitary Code also requires that the entire dwelling shall be capable of being reasonably secured against unlawful entry and that every entry door be capable of being reasonably secured from unlawful entry. The State Building Code addresses doors and windows principally from the aspect of safety and egress as opposed to strength and/or security.

Inspectional Services Managing Director Bob Bersani has developed the following recommendations that apply to both lighting and door security:

- a. Conduct a special awareness briefing for building and code enforcement inspectors on these requirements.

Consent Agenda #23 # 5240 Cal. 2

Relative to Awaiting Report Item  
Number Forty-six, regarding ways to  
prevent domestic violence and  
sexual assaults against women.

2/5/96

Charter Right  
exercised by  
Councillor  
Triantafillou

In City Council February 5, 1996

2/12/96

Tabled by Councillor Triantafillou

3/4/96

No action Taken.

3/25/96

No action taken.

4/1/96

Referred to the Public Safety Committee

4/5/96 Sent to C. Sullivan 9255

Gail Rossiter

**ATTACHMENT A**

One of the things this group has always tried to do is to keep women in this neighborhood informed on issues affecting their safety. I myself became aware of them through a flyer posted on Mass Ave asking the neighbors of the area to come together in action following the second brutal stranger rape to take place in Cambridgeport in a matter of months. Though I do not live in the Cambridgeport neighborhood, this is something that deeply affects all women and I was soon to find out that the victim of this rape was a friend of my closest friend.

At that meeting, in November of '94, I was one of about 50 concerned neighbors. A great deal of information was given out and a great deal of frustration was vented by those attending regarding the lack of information given out to the community through the press. Also expressed in this meeting were goals to bring greater awareness to the community and to improve safety measures within the community. To this end, sign-up sheets were posted for further meetings to plan the neighborhood's response to the crimes and/or to get on a mailing list to receive news or updates on crime incidents in the area.

In the follow-up meeting, attended by about 10 or 15 people, it was decided to plan a march and rally to bring greater awareness to the neighborhood and the city at large. Over the next two months this group would meet weekly to plan what became a march of about one hundred residents through the streets of Cambridgeport, up Mass Ave, and into City Hall in February of '95. Following the march were a rally and speak-out which were to bring out even more clearly how many women are being affected by violence and how much more work needs to be done.

The sad news following all of this positive effort by the residents of Cambridgeport was the



occurrence of at least three more rapes in the Spring and Summer of '95 at least one of which again occurred in the woman's home. Though the police were brought in to meet with residents, what it seemed to come down to again and again was that there was little that they could do beyond what they were already doing. This being the case, our group decided to work on projects that we as residents could do to prevent these crimes from occurring in the first place.

The projects that developed were as follows:

1. To make available self-defense classes to the women of Cambridgeport and eventually to all the women of Cambridge at little or no cost. The first class taking place in August of '94 and more recently this past February. These classes have been very well received and we hope to be to offer these on a regular basis.
2. To build a working and interactive relationship with the Cambridge Police. At this writing, some of our group have been communicating with the police and will be involved in the search for our next Police Commissioner.
3. To look into the possibility of setting up call boxes or getting more pay phones installed in the Cambridgeport neighborhood.
4. And finally the issue which brings us here today, to change the building codes in Cambridge in order to insure that all tenants will have available to them basic safety measures such as: 1 1/2 " deadbolt locks on entry doors, window pins, and solid core doors.



Peggy Lynch

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ATTACHMENT B

April 16, 1996

Testimony before the Committee on Public Safety

THANK YOU

Committee Members: Councillors Sullivan, Davis, and Reeves and Councillor Triantafillou.

Building Code Changes and Enforcement

I. I would like to refer you to several documents which have led us up to this place:

a) A report from Commissioner Anderson to Councillor Triantafillou from June of 1995 on the issue of sexual assault, including a report on the status of the C. O. P. program.

b) Memorandum re: Council Order #90 of 7/31/95  
the memorandum is dated September 12, from Donald Drisdale to City Manager Healey

c) A memorandum from the City Manager dated February 1995 including a letter from the City Solicitor Russell Higley about proposed changes to the building code.

d) Finally, an excellent pamphlet, mainly geared towards women at risk of or experiencing domestic violence. This pamphlet was issued by our city and it says on the cover "You have a right to be safe!"

We agree! and we think that one of the ways that we can increase safety and security for women in Cambridge is by making



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apartments much more secure.

Currently the Massachusetts G. Building Code laws are very broad and use general language, I quote: "every entry door be capable of being reasonably secured from unlawful entry." We do not think that this is specific enough and is open to a wide variety of interpretation.

According to the Crime Reports issued by the Car. Anderson the 1995 third quarter statistics include 475 REPORTED House breaks. If we annualize that number it is 1,900 house breaks per year. We would argue that houses/homes/apartments are very easy to get into in this city. That seems to us to be a very high number.

There were thirty five REPORTED rapes in 1995. In our neighborhood in 1994 and 1995, three rapes were break and entry rapes. Three women were raped and two brutally beaten in their own homes. These three crimes were PREVENTABLE. (Since none of the rapist, has been identified and charged and tried, we SHOULD care a lot about prevention.) The permanent, never to be escaped, brutal trauma of sexual assault is an injury that women never really "recover" from. We should be preventing rape the same way we try to prevent other injuries such as childhood lead poisoning, such as head injuries when you ride a bike, such as young people using drugs. It is great to have treatment for all these things, but it is far better to prevent them from ever happening: better for the person indeed and also better for the community.



If I am asleep in my apartment/home, no one should be able to raise a window or jimmy a door and be in that space before I can wake and call for help. No one should be able to fit through my window, someone should have to work very hard and with a lot of noise to get through my door.

The proposals that we are making are not total prevention: they are increased security and deterrence.

Using the language that Mr. Higby used, dated February 1, 1996 we would like to respond to each one of these points and propose that the council submit to the State Board of Building Regulations the following amendments to the state building code.

- 1 a) strike "one family dwellings" add Including SRO's"
- 1 b) add: "peep hole viewers with 190 degree angle"
- 1 c) & d) Door hardware: specifically 1 1/2 " dead bolt locks using 2 wood screws and adding "jimmy bars".
- 1 e) strike the current wording change to " All windows located on the first floor or any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have window ventilation locks or window pins.
  
- 2) a. strike: single family dwellings
- b. add: "peep hole viewers with a 190 degree angle"
- d. Locks and Latches ..... shall include dead bolt locks min. 1 1/2 " fastened with 2 inch screws and jimmy plates.
- e. strike add wording "All windows located on the first floor or near any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have window ventilation locks or window pins"



We would think that there should be a phase in period for these changes.

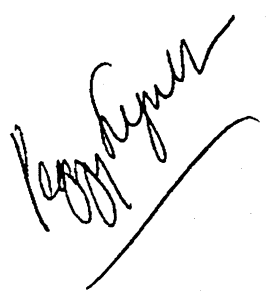
For the locking devices and the window hardware, they should be installed no later than 6 months after the regulation is passed.

The doors which are the most costly item must be installed

- 1) at the time of sale/purchase
- 2) conversion to coop or condo
- 3) any rehab that requires a building permit
- 4) or by January 1, 1999 which ever comes first.

Enforcement of exterior lighting. Health care analogy.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading "K. J. Ryan", is written over a horizontal line.





ATTACHMENT C

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Donald A. Drisdell *DAD*

DATE: September 12, 1995

RE: Council Order #90, dated 7/31/95  
Re: Implementing Suggested Ways Of Trying  
To Prevent Violence Against Women

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The Law Department has reviewed the above referenced Council Order to ensure that the City's implementation of the suggested ways to prevent violence against women complies with applicable provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth. I have set forth below our findings and comments.

A. Introduction

1) There are no legal problems as to the proposal to trim trees so that street lights are more visible.

2) There are no legal problems with regard to the question of whether existing Adult Education or Youth Center programs can offer self-defense classes on a regular basis.

3) Several of the proposed provisions to change "existing building and/or zoning ordinances" would be governed by the State Building Code and/or the State Sanitary Code, as Cambridge neither has nor can legally have a local building ordinance. See, M.G.L. Chapter 143 §3A, and 780 Code of Massachusetts Regulations ("CMR") §§ 100.2, 100.4, 101.1. As none of the proposed provisions appear to be within the scope of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, that Ordinance would not be involved.

Pursuant to the exclusivity provisions of M.G.L. c. 143 §3A, no local ordinance that conflicts with or is more restrictive than the State Building Code is permissible. Thus, any of the proposed provisions requiring landlords to incorporate changes which



conflict with or are more restrictive than the State Building Code may not be enacted by the City Council as a Cambridge Ordinance. The proposed provisions relate to the thickness or quality of exterior doors, installation of deadbolts, exterior lighting, window pins, front door peep holes, buzzers and intercoms, and interior door hinges. Of those, only the installation of deadbolts and exterior lighting are specifically covered by provisions of the State Building Code. The other proposed provisions (thickness or quality of exterior doors, front door peep holes, intercoms, buzzers, window pins and interior door hinges) are not directly addressed by the State Building Code.

#### B. The State Building Code

Specifically, the State Building Code, 780 CMR 100.1 et seq., and the State Sanitary Code, where applicable, address the following provisions with regard to residential dwelling units.

1) Thickness or quality of exterior doors: The State Building Code specifies the height and width of exterior doors, and has fire rating requirements applicable to them, but does not require that they be of any particular thickness or quality. The Sanitary Code requires that entry doors of every dwelling be capable of being reasonably secured from unlawful entry.

2) Installation of deadbolts: The Building Code permits the installation of deadbolts, night latches, and security chains on the exterior doors of individual dwelling units, which would apply to single family homes and to doors to individual apartment units. Such locking devices must be readily opened from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. Such locking devices would not be permitted on exterior doors of multiple unit buildings, such as apartment buildings.

3) Exterior lighting: The Building Code requires that exit discharge areas of all apartment and multiple unit buildings be lighted. In addition, the Sanitary Code requires that every porch and exterior stairway be lighted.

4) Buzzers: M.G.L. c. 143 §3R requires that every apartment or multiple unit building with three units or more which have a common entry be equipped to close and lock automatically, with a lock that has an electronically operated striker mechanism (a buzzer).

5) Window pins: While the Building Code and Sanitary Code do not specifically address window pins, the Building Code's emergency escape provisions would require that all egress or rescue windows have certain height and width net clearance dimensions, that such windows be operable from the inside without the use of tools, and that bars, grilles or screens placed over emergency escape windows be releasable from the inside without the use of a



key, tool or excessive force or special knowledge.

6) Intercoms: Although Cambridge previously had an Ordinance requiring intercoms (#854, dated 9/18/75), that Ordinance was repealed when M.G.L. c. 143 §3R was enacted, which provides that buzzers be required as above noted. Intercoms are not covered by the provisions of that statute, however, and thus, there is currently no requirement that dwelling units have intercoms.

7) Interior door hinges: There are no provisions regulating interior door hinges in either the Building Code or the Sanitary Code.

All of the above proposed provisions are either covered by the State Building Code, or are arguably within the scope of its stated purpose, which is "to insure public safety, health and welfare insofar as they are affected by building construction through structural strength, adequate egress facilities, sanitary conditions, equipment, light and ventilation and fire safety; and, in general, to secure safety to life and property". Thus, arguably, any local measures requiring actions not currently required by the State Building Code may be construed to be more restrictive than the provisions of the Building Code, which has a very broad sweep, and which exclusively controls regulation of all areas it covers.

### C. Implementing Proposed Changes

The following are the only ways in which the City can attempt to implement the proposed provisions:

1) Under the Building Code, 780 CMR 101.3, the local building official shall determine "any requirements essential for structural, fire or sanitary safety of an existing or proposed building or structure, or essential for the safety of the occupants thereof, and which is not specifically covered" by the State Building Code. In the event that the building official determines any such requirements, he or she must notify in writing, within seven working days of any action taken under that section, both the State Board of Building Regulations (the "BBRS") and the Department of Public Safety. Section 109.1 of the State Building Code provides that "the BBRS is empowered in the interest of public safety, health and general welfare, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, and to interpret and implement the provisions of [the State Building Code] to secure the intent thereof". Under this provision, the Cambridge Building Commissioner could take action to implement the proposed changes, notify the BBRS, and ask that the BBRS adopt and promulgate appropriate rules and regulations.

2) M.G.L. Chapter 143 §97 and Section 109.2 of the State Building Code provide that "any person may propose amendments to



[the State Building Code]. Public hearings shall be held in the city of Boston in May and November of each year, and at such other times and places as the BBRs may determine, to consider petitions for such amendments. Amendments adopted by the BBRs shall be binding and have full force and effect in all cities and towns". Under this provision, the City Council or any person could propose that the BBRs promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to implement the proposed provisions.

3) Under M.G.L. Chapter 143 §98, the City Council "may recommend to the [BBRS] the adoption of rules and regulations imposing more restrictive standards than those adopted by the State Building Code for construction, alteration, repair, demolition and removal (of structures) in (Cambridge)", and if the BBRs "finds that more restrictive standards are reasonably necessary because of special conditions prevailing within (Cambridge) and that such standards conform with accepted national and local engineering and fire prevention practices, with public safety and with the general purposes of a statewide building code, the [BBRS] may, after notice to (the City Council), and after a public hearing, adopt rules and regulations, impose conditions in connection with the adoption thereof and terminate such rules and regulations at such time and in such manner as the [BBRS] may deem necessary, desirable or proper". Under this provision, the City Council could propose that the BBRs promulgate rules and regulations to implement the proposed provisions, which would apply specifically to Cambridge alone, and which would be desirable due to special conditions prevailing within Cambridge.





ATTACHMENT D

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February 1, 1996

Mr. Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
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**Re: Council Order #25 dated 1/29/96 Regarding  
Ways To Prevent Domestic Violence  
And Sexual Assaults Against Women**

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am providing a summary of issues that were raised in our earlier response to the City Council regarding the above referenced matter for the Council's convenience, and am also attaching a Proposed Revision To The State Building Code for submission to the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards (the "BBRS"), and a Draft Home Rule Petition To Require Intercoms In Certain Buildings (every apartment building having more than three apartments).

As the Council will recall, we previously advised them that pursuant to the exclusivity provisions of M.G.L. c. 143 §3A, no local ordinance that conflicts with or is more restrictive than the State Building Code is permissible. See, M.G.L. Chapter 143 §3A, and 780 Code of Massachusetts Regulations ("CMR") §§ 100.2, 100.4, 101.1. Thus, any of the proposed provisions requiring landlords to incorporate changes which conflict with or are more restrictive than the State Building Code may not be enacted by the City Council as a Cambridge Ordinance, and the City must seek to do one of the following:

1) Submit a proposal to the State Board of Building Regulations seeking to amend the State Building Code. M.G.L. Chapter 143 §97 and Section 109.2 of the State Building Code provide that "any person may propose amendments to [the State Building Code]. Public hearings shall be held in the city of Boston in May and November of each year, and at such other times and places as the BBRS may determine, to consider petitions for such amendments. Amendments adopted by the BBRS shall be binding and have full force and effect in all cities and towns".

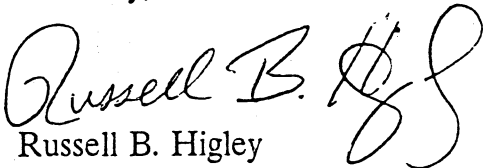


Under this provision, the City Council could submit a Proposed Amendment to The State Building Code, a draft version of which is attached hereto for consideration, proposing that the BBRS promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to implement the proposed provisions, which would apply statewide.

2) The City Council could petition the State Legislature to enact a statute or an amendment to an existing statute providing for greater safety protections, such as requiring apartment buildings with four or more apartments to have an intercom system at the front door to the building, a proposed draft version of which is attached hereto for consideration.

While there are some other possible approaches, we think the attached draft petitions for statewide changes to the General Laws and the State Building Code may represent the best possibility for success.

Sincerely,

  
Russell B. Higley



# DRAFT

## MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE REVISION PROPOSAL FORM (6TH Ed.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Code Section No. Articles 8 and 34

Proponent: City of Cambridge

Address: City Hall - 795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

### The Type Of Amendment Proposed

Change Section As Follows: To amend certain provisions of Article 8 and Article 34 as set forth below.

Delete Section And Substitute As Follows: See below.

Add New Section As Follows: See below.

Delete Section - No Substitute: See below.

### Proposed Code Amendments:

1) To amend certain provisions of Article 8 "Means of Egress" to require that all owners of dwelling units and structures must provide reasonable egress from such dwelling units and structures while assuring the security of occupants.

a) Section 812.1 "General" to be amended to add the following after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "The provisions of Article 8, §812.0 shall apply to all Use Group "R, Residential Uses" structures, including one and two-family dwellings."

b) Section 812.3 "Size of Doors" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0. At least one such exterior door in each dwelling unit shall be fitted with fire door viewers (peepholes) meeting the requirements for 20-minute fire doors approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc."

c) Section 812.4 "Door Hardware" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "Door hardware for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."



d) Section 812.4.1 "Locks and Latches" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "Locks and latches for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

e) Section 812.8 "Window and Door Alarm Devices" to be added as follows: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures and all windows located on the first floor or off any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have a sensitive battery operated alarm device sufficient to reasonably warn occupants of unlawful entry thereto."

f) Section 824.0 "Means of Egress Lighting" to be amended to delete the first sentence of the first paragraph and to insert in its place "All means of egress in all buildings, including buildings of Use Group "R, Residential Uses" shall be equipped with artificial lighting facilities to provide the intensity of illumination herein prescribed continuously during the time that conditions of occupancy of the building require that the exits be available."

2) To amend certain provisions of Article 34 "Building Code Provisions For One And Two-Family Dwellings" to require that all owners of dwelling units and structures must provide reasonable egress from such dwelling units and structures while assuring the security of occupants.

a) Section 3400.1.1 "Basic Code Provisions" to be amended to add the following after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "The provisions of Article 8, §§812.0 and 8.24.0 shall apply to all one and two-family dwellings."

b) Section 3401.10.4.2 "Exitway Doorways" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0. At least one such exterior door in each dwelling unit shall be fitted with fire door viewers (peepholes) meeting the requirements for 20-minute fire doors approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc."

c) Section 3401.10.4.5 "Door Hardware" to be amended to add after the last sentence of the first paragraph: "Door hardware for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

d) Section 3401.10.1.1 "Locks and Latches" to be added as follows: "Locks and latches for exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures shall meet the requirements for 20-minute fire door assemblies and hardware as provided in Article 916.0."

e) Section 3401.10.1.2 "Window and Door Alarm Devices" to be added as follows: "All exterior doors at all entry locations in all dwelling units and structures and all windows located on the first floor or off any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have a sensitive battery operated alarm device sufficient to reasonably warn occupants of unlawful entry thereto."

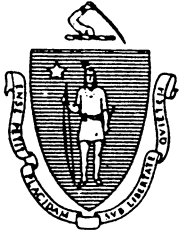


f) Section 3401.10.1.3 "Means of Egress Lighting" to be added as follows: "All means of egress in all one and two-family dwellings shall be equipped with artificial lighting facilities to provide the intensity of illumination prescribed in the provisions of Article 8, §824.0 continuously during the time that conditions of occupancy of the building require that the exits be available."

Supporting Statement:

Because of the growing threat of unlawful entry to dwelling units and violent acts committed against occupants within the City of Cambridge and other parts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is necessary to amend certain provisions of the State Building Code to require that measures be taken to provide reasonable egress from such dwelling units and structures while assuring the security of all such occupants and inhabitants of dwelling units.





# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX

## AN ACT

TO PERMIT THE ENACTMENT OF A PROVISION REQUIRING AN INTERCOM SYSTEM IN ALL APARTMENT HOUSES HAVING MORE THAN THREE APARTMENTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 3R of Chapter 143 as appearing in the official 1995 edition, is hereby amended by adding in the first sentence of the first paragraph after the word mechanism, the following language: and intercom to each apartment.



*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
in General Court assembled.*

*The undersigned, citizens of.....Cambridge....., respectfully  
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation to permit the enactment  
of a provision requiring an intercom system in all apartment houses  
having more than three apartments.*

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**Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.**

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## **LANDSCAPING AND SHRUBBERY**

Make sure all possible entrance and exits points and windows are visible, not concealed by shrubbery.

Shrubs should be 18 to 24 inches away from all exits or entrances. Shrubby should be no higher than 18 inches.

Hedges can be separated to prevent someone from hiding behind them.

## **LIGHTING**

Lighting is the most cost efficient way to deter crime. It is a psychological deterrent to many criminals. Most criminals don't want to be seen or heard.

## **AREAS WHICH SHOULD BE WELL LIT**

Door ways (garage, bay doors, all other entrance of exit doors)

Windows (visibility and clearance to detect breakage)

Alcove or hidden areas

Basement entries.

## **DOORS**

There are three basic types of material used to construct doors.

1. wood
2. metal
3. aluminum

## **TYPES OF DOORS**

1. Hollow core door are thin sheets of wood paneling surrounding a wooden frame with cardboard filler for support not recommended for security.



## **PRESSED WOOD DOOR:**

2. Constructed with thin sheets of wood paneling on the outside, sturdy frame and pressed wood or particle board in the middle for support.

- Recommended as a security door.

## **SOLID CORE-WOOD DOOR**

3. Either a singular piece of wood or several pieces placed together.

- Recommended as a security door.

## **METAL DOOR**

4. Constructed of sheet metal reinforced on sides top and bottom and supported in the center with cardboard or a prefabricated fire resistant material. #1 recommended security door.

## **ALUMINUM FRAMED DOOR**

Framed in aluminum with glass inserts.. The aluminum is a soft metal and should be re-enforced.

## **HINGED DOORS**

Entry doors should be solid core wood (at least 1 3/4 inches thick) or metal door should fit its frame tightly-with no more than a 1/8 inch clearance between the door and frame.

## **WINDOWS** - See Attached

Peepholes in the door should be 190 angle, so you can see a person from the head to toe.

If there is glass in the door within 40 inches of the lock it should be re-enforced with a piece of plexi-glass.



If chain locks are to be used the screws securing the fixture should be 2 1/2 inches to 3 inches screws. Discard the screws supplied in the package. They are not long enough.

Striker plates should be used on all entrance / exit doors. This will prevent someone from jimmying the door open.

Basement windows should be permanently secured especially if they are old by using iron bars or a grill.

All windows 18 feet or less above the ground can be considered to be a potential access point. These windows should be secured with pin locks.

## **LOCKS**

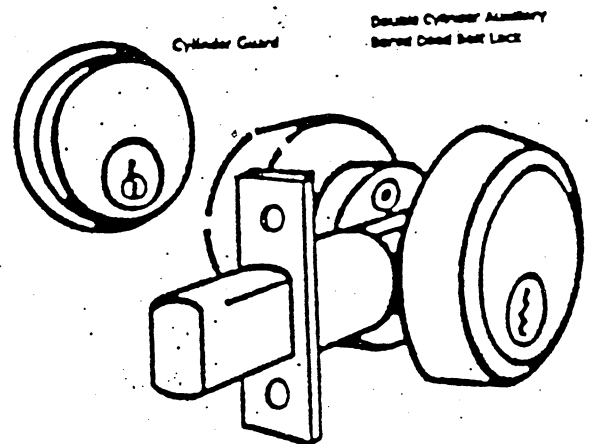
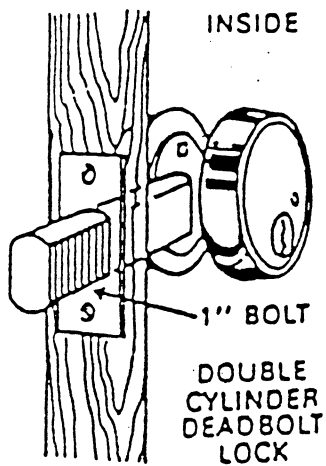
1. Double cylinder locks - requires a key to open the door. This lock is not recommended unless the key is placed someplace accessible. It may also be a problem if children or elderly people are in the household.
2. Deadbolt locks should be used on all entrance / exit doors. The bolt should be at least "1" inch from the edge of the door. (has a 11 inch throw)
3. Spring loaded locks should not be used to secure main entrance or exit ways.



## DOUBLE CYLINDER DEADBOLT

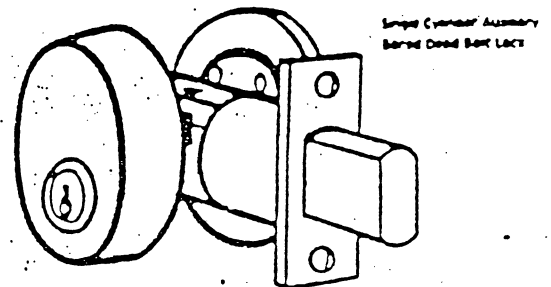
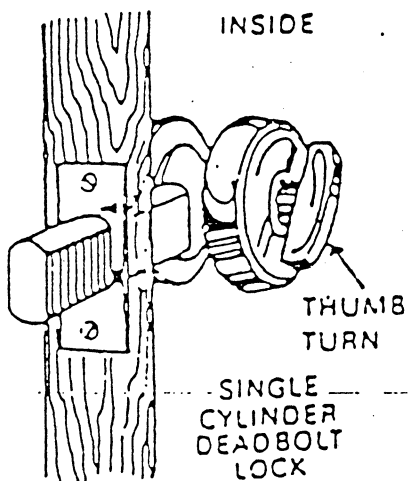
The double cylinder deadbolt is locked or unlocked by key from either side. The deadbolt automatically deadlocks when the bolt is fully extended. The deadbolt must have a minimum of a one inch throw to be considered secure.

The cylinder guard should be free wheeling to prevent being twisted off the lock with a pipe wrench or some other gripping tool.



## SINGLE CYLINDER DEADBOLT

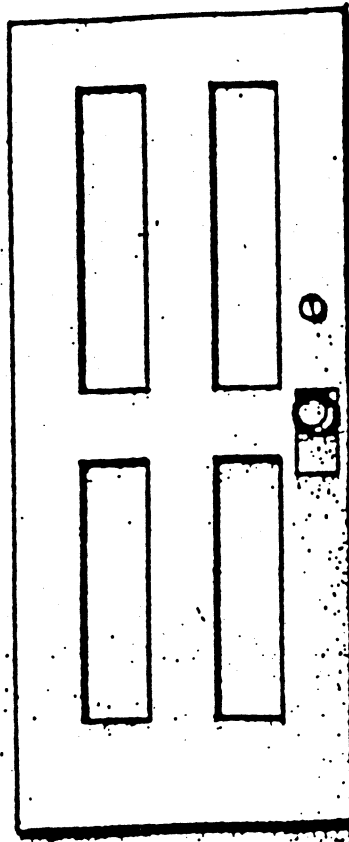
The single cylinder deadbolt is locked or unlocked by key from the outside. The deadbolt is locked by the thumb turn on the inside. The deadbolt automatically deadlocks when it is fully extended. The bolt should have a minimum of a one inch throw for security.





### Problems

Door can be kicked through because joints have become unglued or panels are rotted or split.



### Solutions

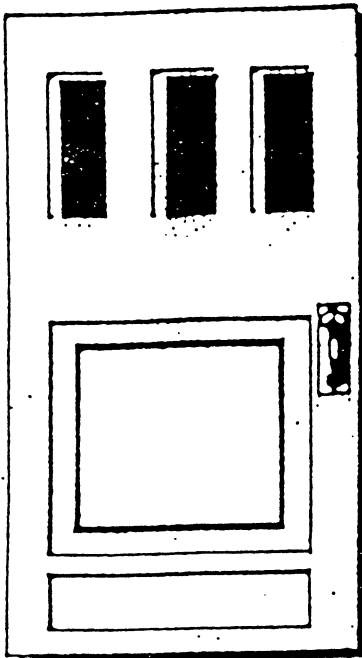
Replace door.

Reglue.

Attach metal plate to

Add decorative grill

### Glass In The Door



### Problems

If glass in within 40" of inside turn latch, burglar can break glass, reach in, and open door.

### Solutions

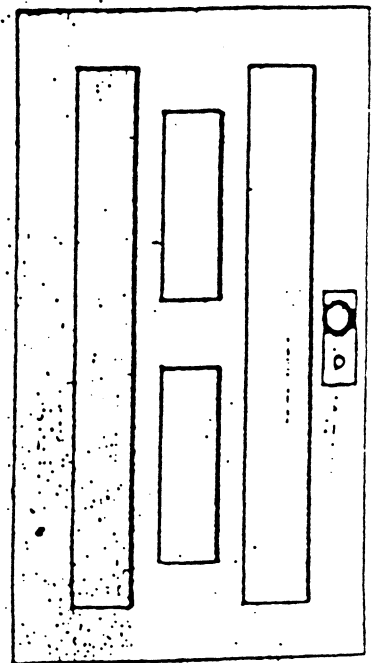
Install double cylinder dead bolt lock.

Cover the glass with polycarbonate (plastic) sheet.

Add decorative grill or grill door.

Replace door with solid core door.

### Door With Glass Sidelight

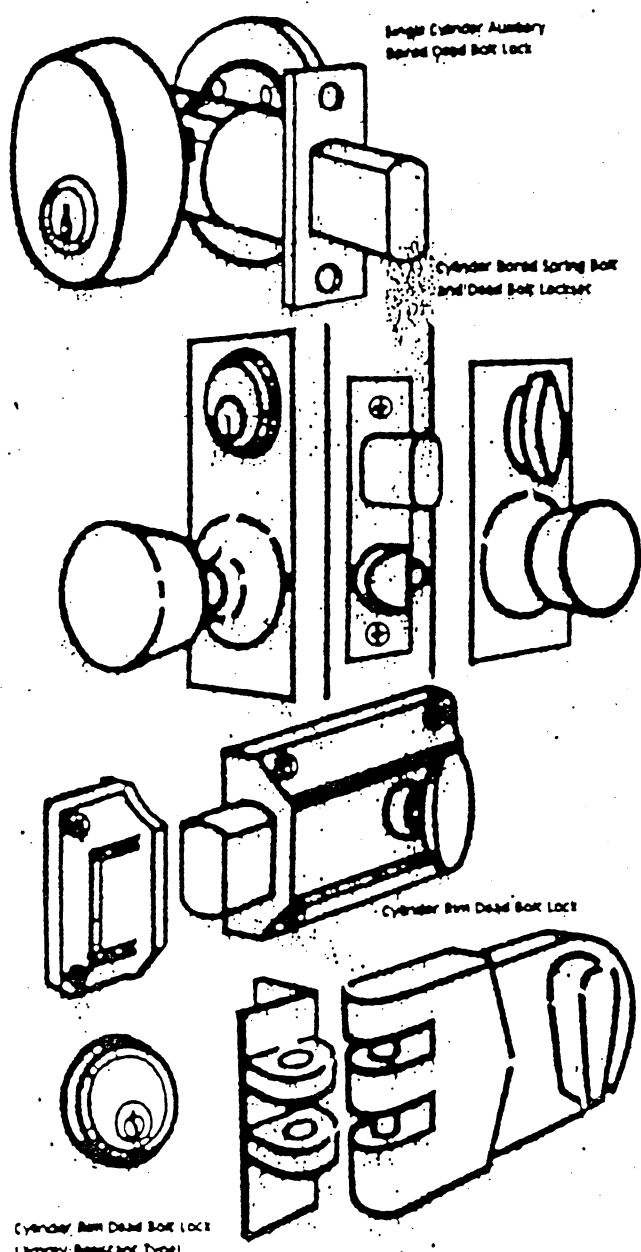




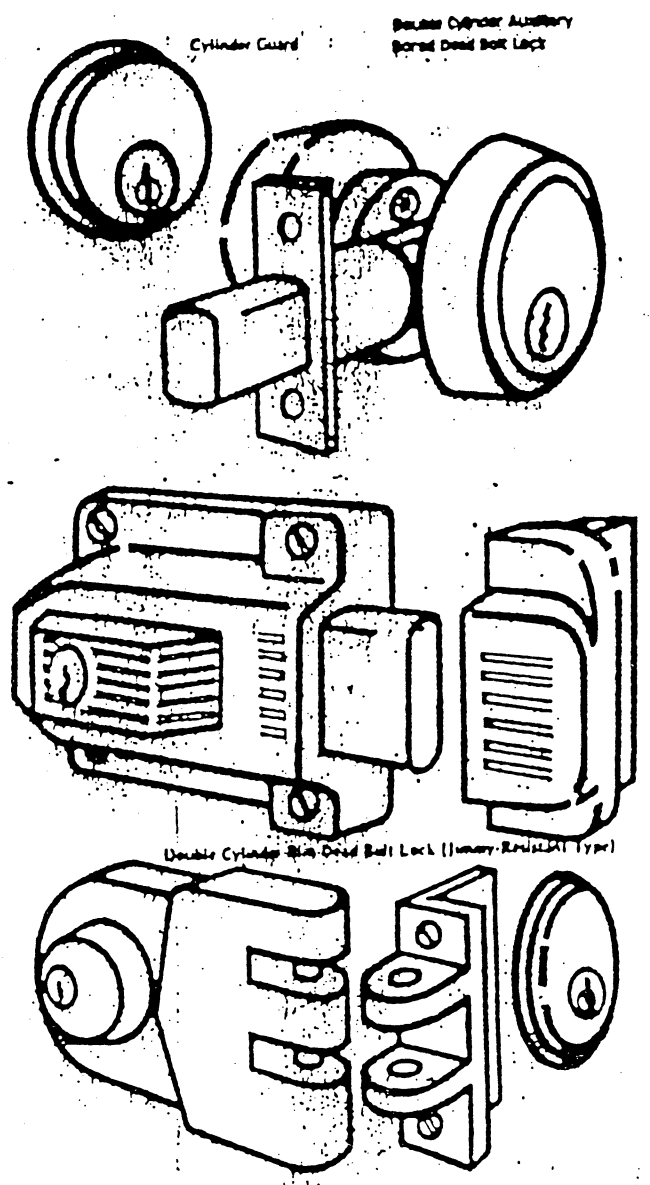
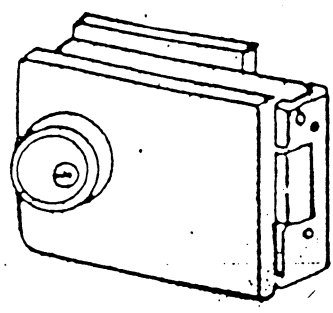
Deadbolt locks are recommended. The bolt should extend at least one inch beyond the door edge. However, other locks which use an interlocking principle (e.g. jimmy resistant rim locks) also offer good security.

If glass is within forty inches of the lock, a double cylinder dead-bolt

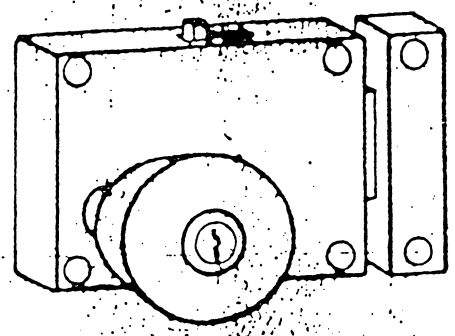
(keys for both sides) should be installed. This makes it impossible for the criminal to break the glass and reach inside to unlock the door. When your home is occupied, be certain to have the key readily available so that fast exits are possible in the event of emergencies.



Cylinder Rim Dead Bolt Lock (Jimmy Resistant Type)



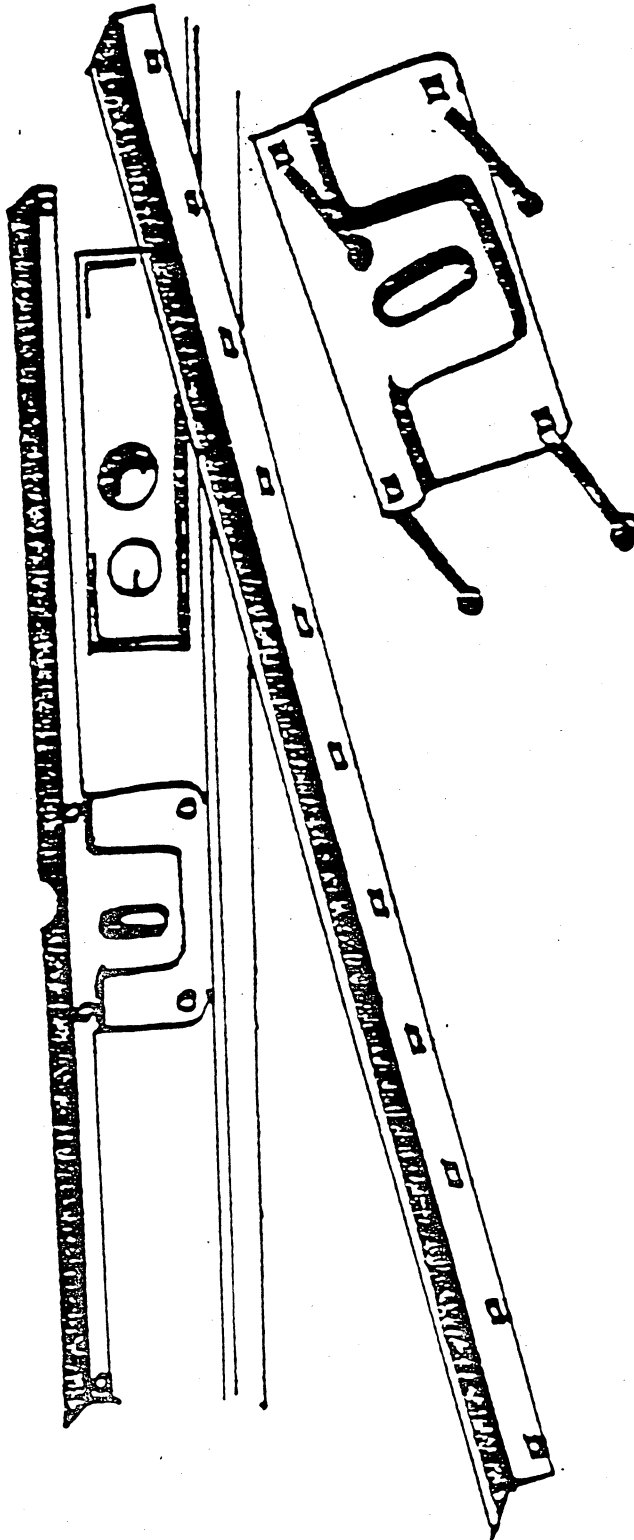
Double Cylinder Dead Bolt Locks Requiring a Key to Open from Either Inside or Outside





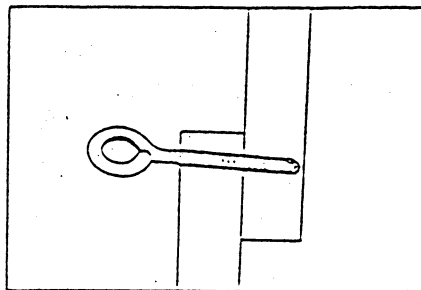
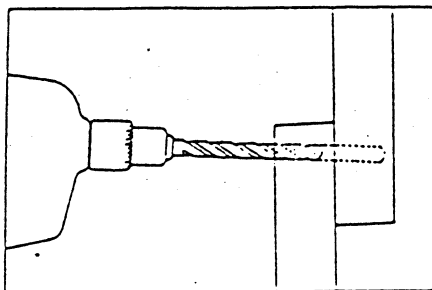
## JIMMY GUARD

Jimmy guard is a combination of cylinder guard and angle iron that gives double protection.





## THE BEST WAY TO SECURE A WINDOW



**A window lock that works** Ordinary window hardware—even that sold as extra secure—can be defeated with a crowbar or a knife. To make a strong window lock, drill through the sashes as shown and slip an eyebolt five-sixteenths inch in diameter into the hole.

*10-0400N* would do the same for an existing auxiliary lock. But overall security still depends on the integrity of the existing lock's dead bolt and strike plate as well as the structural integrity of the door and jamb. As we've seen, standard equipment is just no match for the dogged housebreaker.

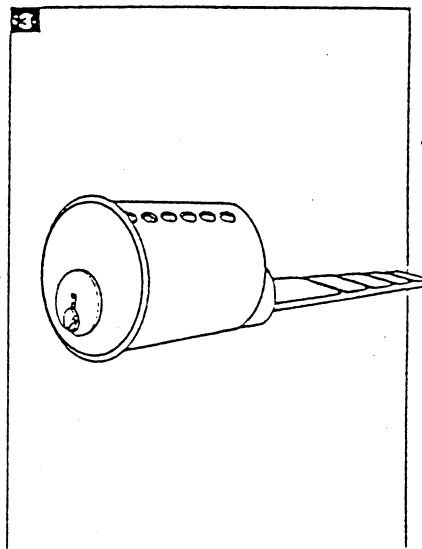
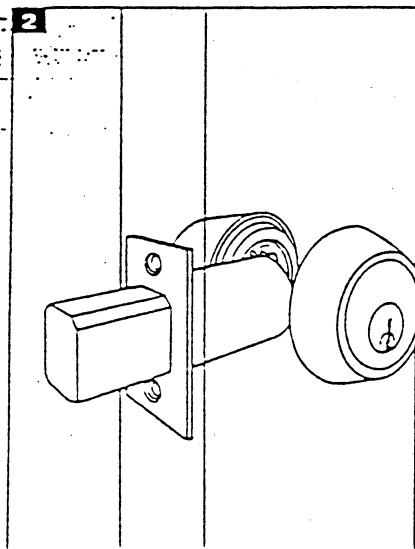
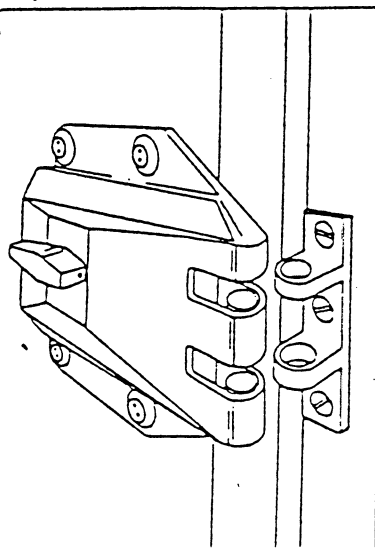
### Auxiliary locks

Rather than replacing your primary lock with a stronger one, it's usually easier and better to add an auxiliary dead-bolt lock. That's almost always the best solution if you

have a mortise lock. Replacement locks won't fit the mortise cavity; it would need to be filled and reinforced somehow before another lock is installed. We tested two types of auxiliary lock: cylinder dead-bolt locks and surface-mounted dead-bolt locks.

**Cylinder dead bolts.** These compact locks mount like key-in-knob locks—with one hole (usually two inches or so in diameter) bored through the door and another bored from the door's edge. They are preferred by locksmiths and many homeowners because they present a

## BETTER DOOR LOCKS



**Auxiliary locks** There are two main types. **1** Surface-mounted dead bolt: The easiest to install. Its bolt can be vertical, horizontal, or both. The model shown has a thumb turn on the inside, but many brands also offer double-cylinder versions that need a key inside as well. Price: \$17 to \$227. **2** Cylinder deadbolt: Its installation requires precise measurements, but the lock is compact and unobtrusive. It too comes in single- and double-cylinder versions. Price: \$14 to \$147. **3** **Replacement cylinders** Another way to upgrade some locks is to substitute a high-security cylinder for one that's easy to pick or drill out. Price: \$29 to \$41.



neat appearance inside and out. Look for one with a long-throw bolt, which protrudes at least an inch from the door edge.

Cylinder dead bolts come as single or double cylinders. Single-cylinder locks open with a thumb turn on the inside. Double-cylinder locks use a key both inside and out. They're often prescribed for doors that have glass in or around them, to prevent a burglar from simply smashing the glass and reaching around to undo the lock.

However, many municipalities forbid the use of double-cylinder locks because they lock people in as well as out and can be a hazard in case of fire. Consequently, some locks are designed so the inside key can be removed only when the lock is unlocked. If you should choose a double-cylinder lock without that safety provision, keep the key far enough away from the door that an intruder can't reach it, but close enough to find in an emergency.

Make sure everyone in the house knows where it is.

The best cylinder dead bolts—single or double—were *Medeco* models. But even they needed reinforcing. While the long bolt of a cylinder dead bolt makes it resistant to jimmying, the standard flat strike plate and two short screws usually succumbed to a kick or a crowbar assault. With all but one (the *Securitech*), it's possible to withdraw the key before the dead bolt is completely extended. If the strike hole isn't deep enough, the bolt can be worked back to its unlocked position. Consequently, we recommend using a reinforced strike plate with any cylinder dead bolt. The plate should have a metal or plastic box to receive the bolt (as on the *MAG Strike-3* below). That ensures that the recess is deep enough to take the whole bolt.

Surface-mounted dead bolts. As a class, these locks are the toughest you can buy. Surface-mounted locks, while not exactly pretty, are the easi-

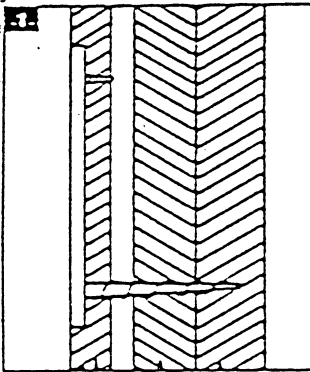
est for a homeowner to install because only one hole has to be drilled through the door, to accommodate the lock cylinder.

The bolt may be a horizontal bar, a set of vertical pins that engage eyes on the strike plate, or a combination of the two. Vertical bolts create a hingelike bond that's virtually impossible to pry apart. One model we tested, the *Segal 1999*, uses a horizontal and a vertical bolt. The horizontal bolt has pins that drop vertically into the strike as the bolt is thrown.

Like the other locks, the surface-mounted models needed modification before they'd pass our kick test, but they were the easiest to improve. Simply using three-inch, number 10 wood screws in their strike plate did the trick for all but the *Segal 666*. Its closely spaced strike-plate screws weakened the door jamb, and it split after several "kicks."

The *Medeco* locks topped the others in this category, too, due to their superior pick- and drill-resistance. If

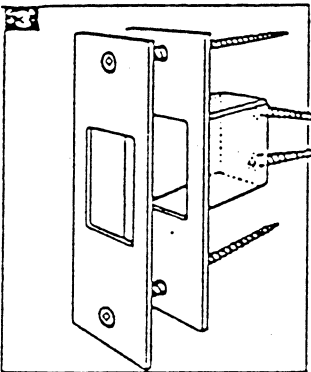
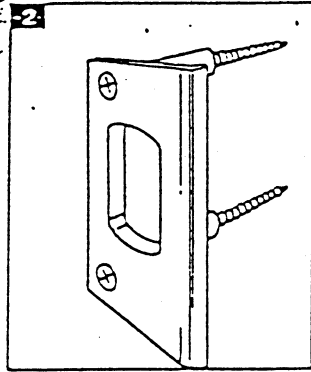
## THREE WAYS A DOOR CAN FAIL



**The strike plate** A standard plate can't hold up against one or two good kicks.

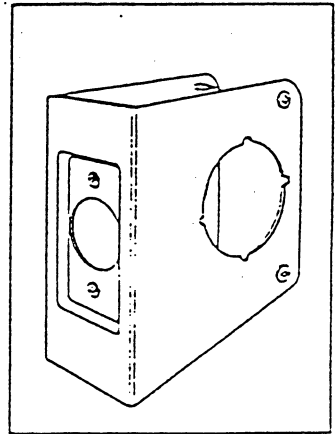
**1** The usual screws supplied are only three-quarters of an inch (top). It takes a three-inch screw to reach the underlying framing stud (bottom). **2** The Dexter Guardex 550, \$5, mortised

into the jamb and with collared 3½-inch screws, was the best reinforced strike plate in our tests. **3** The *MAG Strike-3*, \$10, worked just as well, once we substituted three-inch screws at the ends of the plate for the two-inchers it came with.



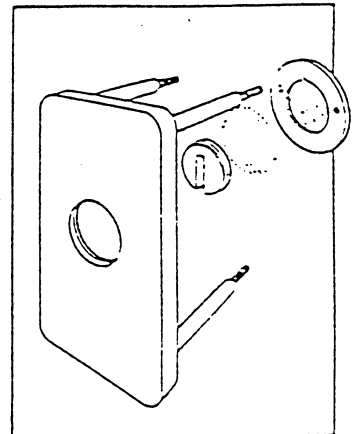
### The wood around the lock

If a hard kick doesn't rip out the strike plate, radiating force is concentrated in the door, which can split. One product we've found that does a good job of keeping the door intact is the *MAG Install-A-Lock*, priced at \$11 to \$18, depending on the size and finish.



### The cylinder

A guard plate protects locks whose cylinders are vulnerable to pulling or prying. The best plate we found was the *Medeco Bodyguard 10-3000*, \$55. To protect against drilling, the heavy steel armor exposes only a revolving key slot.





## Windows

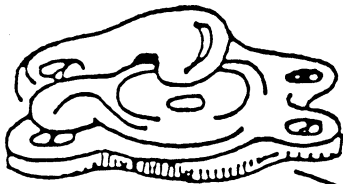
Sliding windows can be secured by auxiliary deadbolts which are key operated. The auxiliary deadbolts come in varying sizes, shapes and mod-

Both vertical and horizontal sliding windows can be pinned with a hardened steel pin. To accomplish this, a hole is drilled through the inside frame around the glass into the outside frame (without going completely through) and a hardened nail is placed in the hole. The nail should be cut off so that the head of the nail will be flush with the window frame. The hole must be drilled at a downward angle to prevent jiggling of the window frame from the outside and vibrating the pin out of the hole. The pin is kept in place by the pull of gravity. An additional hole on either side, can be drilled to allow for ventilation once the window is raised.

Additional security can be acquired by cutting wooden dowel pins or aluminum angle irons to fit into the grooves next to the window guides. Dowel pins cut to fit the exact length of the guide prevents the guide from being removed by vibration of the window.

### Double Hung Window

#### Problems



Crescent Latches

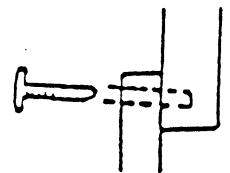
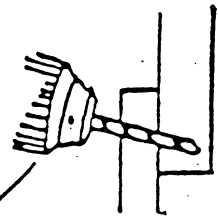
Can be easily jimmed open with screwdriver.

By prying against hardware, screws can be popped out.

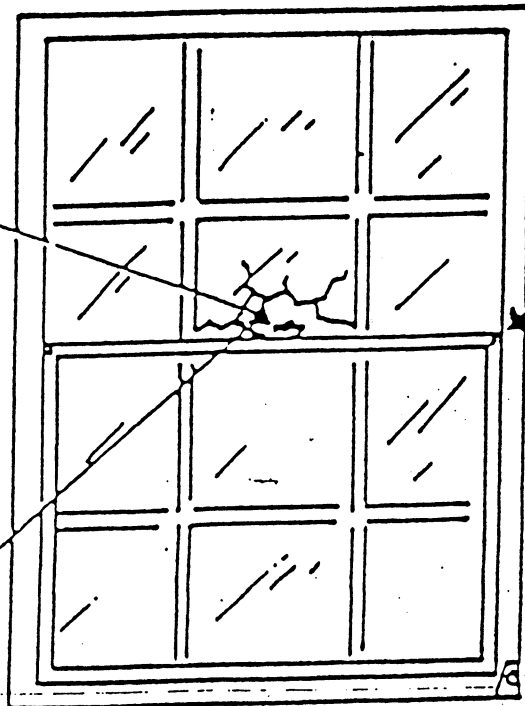
Glass can be broken adjacent to crescent latch.

#### Solutions

Drill and Pin



Install Key-Operated Lock





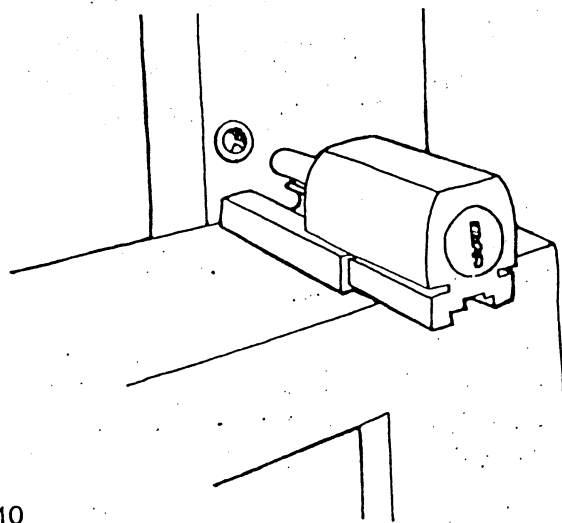
# Windows

Windows are another obvious target. Keep them locked – basement and second floor windows, too.

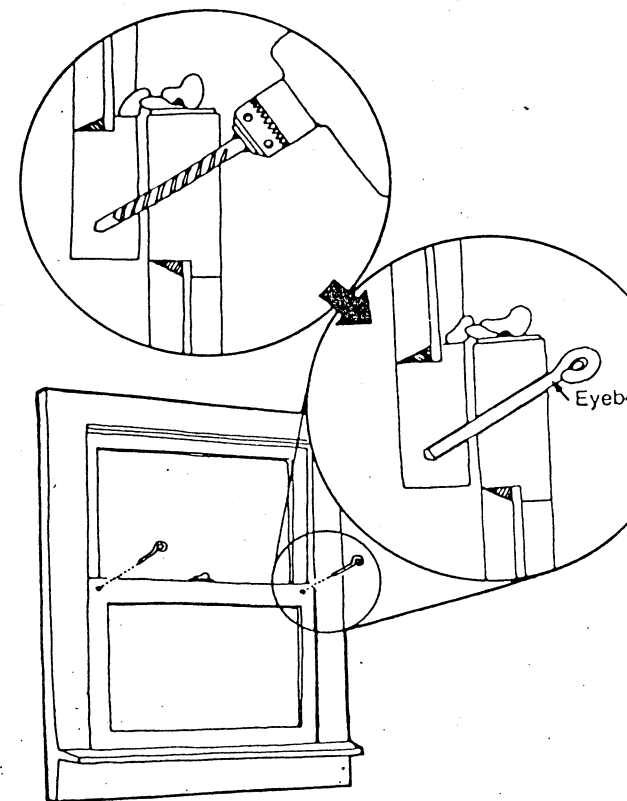
## Double Hung Windows

Most standard windows have a small thumb-turn lock in the center. Don't rely on these locks alone. They can be pried open, or easily reached through a broken pane.

You can buy special **key locks** for windows at a hardware store. Ask for locks best suited to your type of windows and instructions for installing them. Keep the keys away from the windows, but make sure everyone in the house knows where to find them in case of emergency. Be sure to check with your local law enforcement agency or housing officials to see if there are any restrictions on installation of these locks.



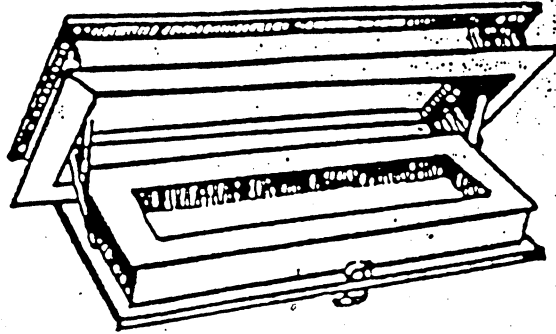
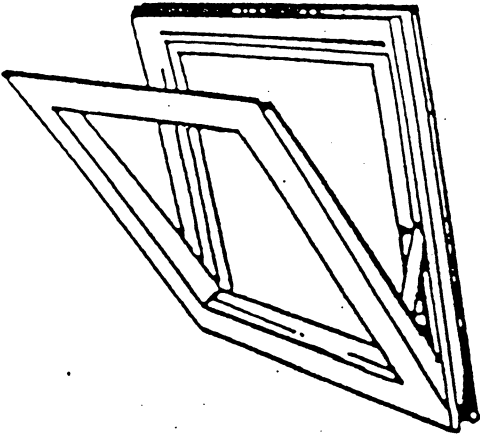
An easy, inexpensive way to secure your windows is to use the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a **nail** or an **eyebolt**. The window can't be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with windows partly open so you can have ventilation without inviting intruders. **Eyebolts** can provide strong resistance against jimmying. If you live in a high crime area, it might be best to use them.





### Problems

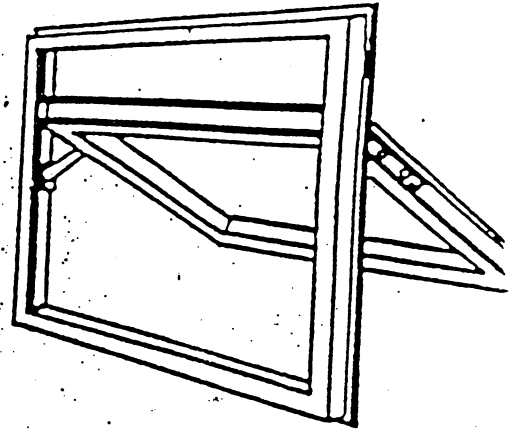
Many basement windows can be easily pried open.



### Solutions

Add security grill.

Limit access by running two bars top to bottom.



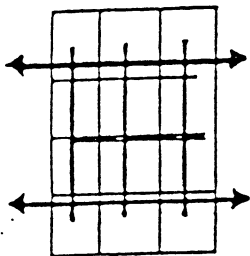
## Jalousie (Louvered) Windows

### Problems

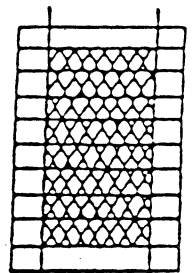
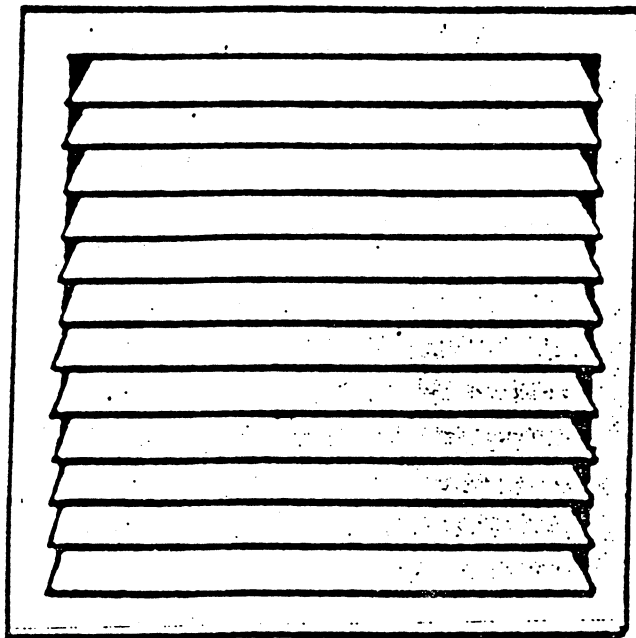
Panes can be broken. Jalousie panels can be forced open easily.

### Solutions

Replace window. Add protective grill or screen.



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DWBAYOR	15 PENNY ST	CAMBS 02139	492-0002
David J. [unclear]	25 Chalk St #2	02139	441-3839
Cara [unclear]	8 Rockingham St, #2	02139	441-3987
Lacy Gillette	51 Lopez St, #2	02139	661-8763
Julie A. [unclear]	2 Kenwood St.	02139	491-1838
Dean [unclear]	27 Lopez St	02139	491-2573
Stanley [unclear]	84 Prescott St	02138	876-3094
A. Giovanni Leerer	351 Pearl St. Camb	02139	661-0141
Mary [unclear]	10 Biglow St Camb	02139	576-1977
SANDY JENSEN	403 PUTNAM #2R	02139	876-3075
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Frank [unclear]	36 Brail Ave St. Camb. Mil	02139	351-6122
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Sam [unclear] (Sonner)	6 Elm St. Camb.	MA 02138	
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Paul [unclear]	226 Elm Street	Camb 02139	
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Abigail O'Rourke	30 Kelly	02139	
Nancy Messom	146 Hampshire St Camb	02139	669-6111
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NIERIKA HAMMOND	15 HEWS ST. CAMB.		<del>497-4997</del> 497
Will Wheelz	23A Valentine St, Camb.		02139 0171
ALVIN PASTRANA	24 PEABODY TERR. 2003, CAMB	02138	
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KARLA PASTRANA	24 PEBODY TERR #2003	CAMB. 02138	—
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NAME	STREET	ZIP	PHONE
John Gilbert	118 Trembridge St #6	02138	491-1438
Michelle Renaud	95 Prescott St #33	02138	876-7963
Noel M. Jette	149 Prescott St	02139	
Karen Ebbitt	9 Watson #3	02139	576-1084
aren stone	20 Chestnut #204	02139	
Raymond Schmitt	20 St Paul St	02139	
John St	9 Hawthorne Pk Cambridge MA	02138	
Cheryl Mitchell	" "	" "	" "
Sara Kemper	108 Pleasant	02139	492-7323
Janet Hammer	57 Fairmont St	02139	876-5081
Peggy Lynan	69 Proctorline St Cambridge MA	02139	
Eric Butch	157 HAMILTON	02139	
Skelman	" "	" "	
Laura Blacklow	215 Erie	02139	
Letos Fugere	215 Erie St.		
Margery Meadows	43 Gold Star Rd	02140	876-151
CINDY BARCLAY	3 DANA ST.	02138	876-1426



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NAME	STREET	ZIP	PHONE
Gail Rossi Her	7 Dana St	Camb 02138	876-1426
Kate Byrne	158 Brookline St	Camb 02139	497-1757
Jane Bonta	10 Laurel #3	Camb	02139
Mirna Clapp Bore	7 Pleasant Pl.	Camb	02139
Peggy Barrett	169 Eric St	Cambridge	02139
Virginia LaCrow	13 Howard St #2	Cam	02139
Ann Holder	99 Magazine St.	Cambridge	02139
Joyce Kauffman	90 Reed St.	Cambridge	02140
JACK WINDERS	271 WADSWORTH ST	CAMBRIDGE	02139
Genelle Bishop	71 MARTIN ST	CAMB	02138
Hannah Hume	33 Essex St	Cambridge	02139
Mary Ann	17 Michael Wy	Camb	02141
Jane Cole	217 ERIC ST	CAMBRIDGE	02139
Lacey Snyder	154 Auburn St.	Cambridge	02139
James Murray	115 Pearl St.	Camb	02139
Susan T. Hely	180 Pearl St.	Camb	02139
Jude McBlay	180 Pearl St	Camb	02139



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NAME	STREET	ZIP	PHONE
Betsy Burkhardt	129 Auburn St	02139	354-4292
Philip Hyde	26 Union St	02141	547-3495
Mary-Ellen Perry	55 Magazine St	02139	864-5832
Hemietta Davis	120 Chestnut St	02139	547-0877
Rohan Perry	30 Magazine St #3	02139	497-0428
Sharon O'Brien	30 Magazine St #3	02139	" "
Silas Sima	63 Inman #8	02139	876-4785
Jana B. Stone	41 VASSAL LANE	02138	354-7633
J Smith	Sidney	02139	
Jennifer Hess	14 Rockwell St	02139	441-0011
Annie Wilde	137 Pearl St	02139	
Mary-Ellen Perry	55 Magazine	02139	864-5832















Copy sent to Mrs. Bessani 4/19/96 (du)

ATTACHMENT G

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Try to survey as much of your block as you can.

- 1) List the address of the building or lot..... 14 Rockwell
- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front?..... Yes
- 3) Are the lights on after dark?..... Yes
- 4) How many units in the building?.....
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes  No
- 6) Is it on?  Yes ..... No Motion Detector
- 7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building?.....lights on? yes.....  
No
- 8) Are all entrances/exits lit? If not, list them?..... Yes
- 9) If this property is a non-residential lot, is it used for any purpose such as a parking lot? What use..... No
- 10) What other lighting issues are problems in this neighborhood?..... None
- 11) Other safety issues?..... None, though I've never seen a "Community" police person walking around
- 12) What time is it?..... 9:00
- 13) What is the day of the week?..... Friday

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1) List the address of the building or lot. 417 Putnam Ave.

2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front? NO (not at 417 or 413)

3) Are the lights on after dark? no

4) How many units in the building? 4 units in: 411/413, 415/417, 419/421  
3 Building

5) Is there a light fixture in the <sup>side at the</sup> back of the building? Yes 419... No ✓ (others)

6) Is it on? ✓ Yes Sometimes ..... No

7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building? only 419 lights on? yes ✓ +  
No ✓

8) Are all entrances/exits lit? <sup>note</sup> If not, list them? (When 419 leaves their back porch (side) light on it shines into my bedroom + keeps me awake - also the downstairs neighbor)

9) If this property is a non-residential lot, is it used for any purpose such as a parking lot? What use.....

10) What other lighting issues are problems in this neighborhood? Street lights burn out - or way down - and are not replaced!

11) Other safety issues? my downstairs neighbor has plywood over the back all window, the glassed back door, and his front porch window. When I lived down there I was broken into 5 times (8 years + ago). However now I leave my bike outback unlocked for years so no problem.

12) What time is it? 8:00

13) What is the day of the week? Monday

I'm only doing one form as it's always the same - mainly that the majority of houses simply do not have porch or outside lights at a

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- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front ?..... *yes* ..... *yes*
- 3) Are the lights on after dark?..... *no* ..... *yes*
- 4) How many units in the building?..... *6* ..... *6*
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No
- 6) Is it on ? .....Yes .....No
- 7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building?.....lights on? yes.....  
No..... *no*
- 8) Are all entrances/exits lit? If not, list them?.....*not back in houses*
- 9) If this property is a non-residential lot, is it used for any purpose such as a parking lot? What use.....
- 10) What other lighting issues are problems in this neighborhood?.....  
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- 11) Other safety issues?.....  
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- 12) What time is it?.....*10:15 pm*
- 13) What is the day of the week?.....*Sat*

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- 1) List the address of the building or lot.....*176 Pearl*.....
- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front ?.....*no*.....
- 3) Are the lights on after dark?.....
- 4) How many units in the building?.....*2*.....
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No
- 6) Is it on ? .....Yes .....No
- 7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building?.....lights on? yes.....  
No.....
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1) List the address of the building or lot. 8/10 Spunkies Terrace

2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front? no

3) Are the lights on after dark? 3

4) How many units in the building? 3

5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes ✓ No ✓

6) Is it on? Yes No

7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building? lights on? yes

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1) List the address of the building or lot. 14/16/18 Spindler's Terrace

2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front? no

3) Are the lights on after dark? .....

4) How many units in the building? 3

5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No

6) Is it on? .....Yes .....No

7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building?.....lights on? yes.....  
No.....

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- 1) List the address of the building or lot. 32/34/36 Spencerville Terrace
- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front? no
- 3) Are the lights on after dark? .....
- 4) How many units in the building? 3
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No
- 6) Is it on? .....Yes .....No
- 7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building?.....lights on? yes.....  
No.....
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- 13) What is the day of the week? Sat.

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- 1) List the address of the building or lot. 35/40 Spindrift Terrace
- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front? no
- 3) Are the lights on after dark? 1
- 4) How many units in the building? 2
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No
- 6) Is it on? .....Yes .....No
- 7) Are there lights fixture on both sides of the building?.....lights on? yes.....  
No.....
- 8) Are all entrances/exits lit? If not, list them?.....
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Terra*
- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front ?..... *no*
- 3) Are the lights on after dark?.....
- 4) How many units in the building?..... *3*
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No.....
- 6) Is it on ? .....Yes .....No
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No.....
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- 3) Are the lights on after dark? .....
- 4) How many units in the building? 3
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No
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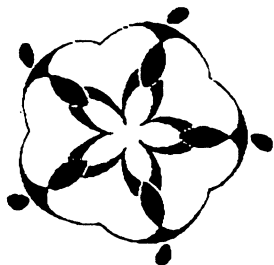
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- 1) List the address of the building or lot. 168 10th Road
- 2) Are lights fixture's installed in the front? no
- 3) Are the lights on after dark? .....
- 4) How many units in the building? 2
- 5) Is there a light fixture in the back of the building? Yes.....No ✓
- 6) Is it on? .....Yes .....No
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★ LETTER OF SUPPORT  
**Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**

ATTACHMENT H

April 16, 1996

Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
Massachusetts Ave.  
Cambridge, MA 02139

To the City Council,

The staff of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) would like to take this opportunity to voice our support for the Cambridgeport Women's Safety Committee and the building code changes being proposed to the City Council Public Safety Committee. These building code changes require that additional safety measures be incorporated into existing and future multiple-unit dwellings.

While we at BARCC do not believe that enhancements to safety features can by themselves prevent rape, we do endorse the changes and improvements before the committee. The changes to the building code, would help to give tenants, both men and women, a greater sense of security in their own homes in neighborhoods throughout Cambridge.

We all need to feel secure on our own homes, whether we rent or own our homes. We support the self-empowerment of women throughout Cambridge in establishing their security at home. In the case of rentals, women as tenants are dependent on landlords to maintain the quality and security of their homes.

We encourage the City Council Public Safety Committee to support the changes to the building codes that would require more safety measures in existing multiple-unit buildings and in future construction of new multiple-unit buildings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana Goldfarb  
Development Officer, BARCC

cc: Charlene Allen, Executive Director, BARCC  
Nancy Ryan, Cambridge Women's Commission

99 Bishop Allen Drive  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
HOTLINE: 492-RAPE  
BUSINESS: 492-8306



United Way  
of Massachusetts Bay



April 17, 1996

Michael Sullivan, Chairman  
Public Safety Committee  
Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Ave.  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillor Sullivan,

On behalf of the Women's Center, I am writing to urge the Public Safety Committee to implement the recommendations of the Cambridgeport Women's Safety Group. The Women's Center is a local organization that helps women survivors of violence, sexual abuse, and other crimes. In light of the recent rapes in Cambridge as well as the ever-present threat of violence and crime that women face every day, we urge you to seriously consider these safety measures.

The Women's Center supports the Women's Safety Group's recommendations that require: 1" deadbolt locks on doors; peepholes in doors to apartments; intercoms for all buildings with 3 or more apartments; "striker plates" for doors; and that current lighting regulations be enforced. The increased security and protection these safeguards will provide to women make them well worth the cost of implementation.

The reality in our society and in our city is that violence, sexual assault, and crimes against women are prevalent and have enormous social costs. At the Women's Center, we see daily the devastating effect these crimes have on women, and support any attempts to prevent them. By adopting this proposal, the city of Cambridge can help prevent break-ins, rapes, burglaries and assaults of its citizens.

Thank you for your attention, consideration, and concern for women's safety.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Norris  
Coordinator



Ms. Lynch continued on to state that thru maximizing security within apartment buildings, the safety and security of women will be increased. The Building Code Regulations are too broad and therefore, lacking in specification. According to the Crime Report issued by Commissioner Anderson, 1995 third quarter statistics reflect 475 reported cases of breaking and entering, resulting in approximately 1900 break-ins for 1995. Also, 35 reported rapes occurred in 1995, with three cases of rape from breaking and entering; to date, no suspect has been caught on the three latter cases.

Ms. Lynch went on further to say that rape prevention should be dealt with in a fashion similar to that of other crimes being prevented, such as childhood lead poisoning, head injuries and substance abuse. No housing should be so unsafe as to allow a burglar entrance before one has time to call for help. Ms. Lynch noted the proposals recommended are not total prevention but rather, increased security and deterrence. Furthermore, she requested the City Council submit the following amendments to the Building Code to the State Board of Building Code Regulation.

Councillor Davis questioned if the amendments recommended affected only new construction. Mr. Bersani, Commissioner of Inspectional Services responded that the amendments do not affect existing structures.

Ms. Lynch outlined the recommended amendments of the draft version submitted by the Law Department to the Building Code at this time:

In Section 1 (a)  
to strike the term "one family dwellings" and insert in its place "including SRO's".

In Sections 1 (b) and 2 (b)  
to add the term "peep hole viewers with 190 degree angle."

In Section 1 (c) and (d)  
to add after the words "Door hardware" the specification "specifically 1 1/2" dead bolt locks using 2" wood screws" and also to add the term "jimmy bars."

In Section 1 (e)  
to strike the current wording change and insert the following: "All windows located on the first floor or any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have window ventilation locks or window pins."

In Section 2 (a)  
to strike the words "single family dwellings."

In Section 2 (d)  
add the words "shall include dead bolt locks with a minimum 1 1/2" fastened with 2" screws and jimmy plate."



In Section 2 (e)

to strike and add the words "all windows located on the first floor or near any porch or deck accessible from the ground shall have window ventilation locks or pins."

Councillor Sullivan questioned if the window pins were an issue with the Fire Department. Commissioner Bersani responded that it was an issue of egress and that the Building Code was designed for an ease of egress.

Ms. Nancy Glowa from the Law Department responded that the pins are not recommended by the Fire Department. Councillor Sullivan stated that with the pins could come a question of liability.

Ms. Lynch stated that there should be a "phase-in" period for these changes, the group recommending the following:

- the locking devices and window hardware should be installed no later than six months after the regulation is passed.
- the doors must be installed:
  - at the time of sale/purchase
  - conversion to coop or condo
  - at any rehab that requires a building permit
  - on or by January 1, 1999, whichever comes first.

At this time Ms. Lynch submitted a petition signed by area residents requesting that the City Council pass regulations implementing more than the state's minimum safety requirements. The petition contained the request that each apartment, rooming house and or single family rental and other residence require the following: (Attachment E)

- 1" dead bolt locks
- window pegs on first floor window(s)
- solid exit doors 1 1/2" thick
- safety chains
- peep holes
- intercom with buzzer to screen main entrances.



Ms. Kate Burn, member of the group and resident of Brookline Street, presented an outline of "Landscaping and Shrubbery" to the committee. (Attachment F). She stated that entrances, exits and windows should be visible and not covered by shrubbery. She moved onto lighting which, she stated, was the most cost-effective method used to deter crime; this is due to the fact that most criminals do not want to be seen or heard. The doors recommended were made of pressed wood, solid core wood and metal doors. Doors, She stated were a major problem in construction or rehab. Exterior doors are being replaced by hollow doors. Windows recommended were to have key locks and/or window pins, an additional security grill, protective grill or screen. Double hung windows are easy to break as well as easy to jimmy; their screws are easily removed. Locks recommended were dead bolt locks. Double cylinder locks are illegal. Mr. Bersani stated that they are acceptable as long as the keys stay in the lock. Ms. Burns recommended 1 1/2" dead bolt. (A slide presentation was presented covering all the aforementioned areas).

Councillor Sullivan stated that glass could be a preventative measure -- crooks do not want to make noise by breaking glass. Ms. Burns responded that a problem with glass is that it is removed from the doors in multi-family units.

The committee heard from Mary Lino, a resident of 55 Magazine Street for twenty-three years. On March 19, 1996 her house was broken into, the front door being easily jimmied. She was not informed by the locksmith who installed her lock that it should be a minimum of 1 to 1 1/2" thick. She told the committee that she feels unsafe at home and that the most costly possession to her is the loss of her security. She stated that spring locks are not recommended for security or safety.

Councillor Sullivan questioned Ms. Lino regarding how many doors were passed through to get to her unit. Ms. Lino stated that she lives on the sixth floor.

Councillor Galluccio questioned how the crook gained entry. He further stated that a crook does not want to get caught on the first floor of an apartment where entry is gained because doors are left opened; the tendency for crooks is to obtain entrance then break in apartments in upper floors.

Ms. Lino submitted the results of a Lighting Survey which is attached to this report as (Attachment G) in which she stated that one building out of twenty-five had lights on in the front and rear of the building.

The Committee was addressed next by Diana Goldfarb, Development Officer, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, who recorded the center's support of the Cambridgeport Womens Safety Committee proposed Building Code amendments. She stated that the changes would give the tenants a sense of security resulting in an improved self-empowerment of women. She encouraged the City Council to support the changes to the Building Code. (Attachment H.)



Nancy Hall read a prepared statement from Jennifer Norris, Coordinator, the Women's Center in support of the Cambridgeport Women's Safety Group. The Women's Center supported the recommendation of 1" dead bolt locks on doors, peep holes, intercoms for all buildings with three or more apartments, striker plates for doors and enforcement of lighting regulations. (Attachment I).

Councillor Sullivan questioned the Law Department if any interested individual could submit these amendments to the Building Cods. Ms. Glowa responded yes.

Councillor Sullivan asked the Inspectional Services Commissioner if a complaint was received by the department regarding outside lighting, would the landlords be required to comply. Mr. Bersani stated that an inspection is made before a certificate of occupancy is issued, and would be corrected at that time.

Councillor Sullivan questioned the need for both intercoms and buzzers. Mr. Bersani stated that the state does not require intercoms and the City Ordinance was repealed so that the buzzers are the only requirement.

The Committee heard from Robert Clark, resident of the LBJ apartments, 150 Erie Street, who stated that he is opposed to the neighborhood crime watch. He tried to join a neighborhood crime watch and no one in the Police Department could direct him. A flimsy lock, he stated, is no better than no lock at all.

Mr. Bersani stated that any change to the Building Code which is more restrictive than the State Building Code may not be enacted by the City Council as an Ordinance. Instead, the city must do the following:

1. Submit a proposal to the State Board of Building Regulations to amend the State Building Code; or
2. Submit a Home Rule Petition applying to Cambridge to stress the need for approval by the specifically State to provide intercom systems located at the front entrance of buildings.

Councillor Sullivan questioned Ms. Glowa or Mr. Bersani if there was any other city that has amended the Building Code on a home rule petition. Ms. Glowa stated that she was not aware if any petition had been submitted, but no city has successfully done this as of yet.



Councillor Triantafillou questioned Mr. Bersani on the requirements of the fire door. Mr. Bersani responded that solid wood core on metal would meet the requirements for a twenty minute fire door.

The committee heard from Dan Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, who stated that the group should be commended for their efforts. The Housing Authority, he stated, deals with the issue of security as a public health issue as well as a security issue. He stated that intercoms work in one location but not in another. He stated that at Putnam Gardens residents wanted glass doors at entry points so that they could see into the entry area prior to entering. Dead bolt locks could be a problem in elderly housing. He would like complete disclosure on this matter before the Housing Authority could make recommendations. Overall, the Housing Authority was in support.

Ms. Lynch stated that she went to purchase a twenty minute fire door made of a solid wood core without the frame, but that the specifications are in place and cost was \$389.00 at a local hardware store. Mr. Bersani responded that the frames are usually included with the purchase of a door.

Councillor Galluccio questioned Mr. Bersani on the home rule petition versus the Building Code amendment. Mr. Bersani stated that the home rule petition must state Cambridge's specific circumstances and that the Board of Building Code standards must act to extend the requirements of the Building Code.

Councillor Galluccio questioned Lieutenant Steve Williams on the issue of fingerprinting. Councillor Galluccio stated that the City of Brookline's rate of arresting robbers was higher due to the use of fingerprinting. He questioned if the Police Department was considering the use of fingerprinting. Lieutenant Williams stated that fingerprinting is an area that is haphazard at best, in that fingerprints are available only on certain surfaces.

Councillor Galluccio inquired if fingerprinting was used at crime scenes, such as house breaks. Lieutenant Williams responded that detectives are trained and that fingerprinting is not done at every crime scene. Councillor Galluccio stated that we should be looking into expanding this process.

Councillor Triantafillou stated that she was more concerned with sexual assault and further securing the locks and doors in homes. Councillor Galluccio responded to Councillor Triantafillou that safety mechanism approach is a deterrent to crime. Ms. Lynch stated that apprehension was not going to protect women.

The Committee heard from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, who recorded his support and stated that a safety brochure should be compiled and distributed to businesses in Cambridge.



Mr. Bersani stated that under the current Building Code any new construction must have a twenty minutes fire door but that exterior doors are not required to have a twenty minute fire door. Councillor Triantafillou suggested that language be added to include exterior doors as well. Mr. Bersani concurred with Councillor Triantafillou.

Councillor Sullivan questioned Mr. Bersani if under this proposal were exterior glass doors covered. Mr. Bersani stated they were not covered. Solid doors or fire doors are required on exterior doors, but there is no requirement for exterior doors to be twenty minute fire door.

The committee heard from Ms. Lenore Schloming, Small Property Owners Association, who stated that she was concerned for the welfare of women. She stated that the overall crime rate is low. Assaults, she stated, outside the home are more prevalent than assaults occurring inside the home. She cited one in-home assault out of sixty cases. Locks, intercom systems, etc. require cooperation. It is human error that causes these devices to fail. Everything you do to prevent someone from getting in prevents someone from getting out and in an emergency situation seconds count.

She supported neighborhood crime watches, self protection classes and education so that people do not buzz people into the building who are unknown. She supported common sense and practical solutions to the problem. Ms. Schloming responded that what would really work for the safety of women would be a professional technician.

Councillor Triantafillou stated that people follow the Building Code but it applies to new housing and all rehab work.

Ms. Lynch stated that the proposal submitted by her group would provide the regulations be enforced within six months after the regulations were passed or January 1, 1999.

Councillor Galluccio stated that the tenant community should be involved and landlords should assess the cost. Ms. Schloming stated that property owners should be involved also.

The committee heard from Skip Schloming who stated that it was a cost issue. It would cost \$1,500 per unit and that these costs would be passed onto the tenants who he felt would not meet their rents because of increases fees. Councillor Triantafillou stated that it was a cost effective paradigm for Mr. Schloming.



Mr. Schloming stated that if money were the issue that was needed to solve rapes that would be fine, but only three rapes have occurred in the home. The safety measures proposed need more research. Mr. Schloming cited statistics while Councillor Triantafillou took issue with the insensitive nature of the statistics.

Councillor Triantafillou requested assistance from Skip Schloming to request property owners to insure that lighting was turned on at front and rear entrances and about trimming the shrubbery. Mr. Schloming stated that he would enlist the cooperation of the land owners in this regard.

Councillor Galluccio stated that the issue was a sensitive topic, but we need to have discussion by all parties. Councillor Triantafillou responded that if one man was raped in the home there be a dead bolt legislation in place. She continued to state that she would continue to act as a defender of womens' rights.

Councillor Sullivan questioned Sue Kale about the dead bolt lock depth. Officer Kale responded that 1" was suggested by the Police Department and that a 1 or 1 1/2" was a matter of personal preference.

The committee heard from Nancy Ryan, Director of the Women's Commission and a landlord, who stated that as a landlord she has installed steel doors and safety windows. The women's community works with the Police Department to make suggestions as to what a responsible home owner and landlord should use. She questioned Ms. Schloming on when she was out on her crime watch patrol. She felt that crime watch does not work due to the fact that they were not consistent. People who break into apartments intending to steal found women and raped them. If burglary is a potential rape situation we want to work on a safety issue and the protection of all women in the city. If you are a woman you are at risk in this society. We want to secure buildings safety so that there are no more rapes in the city.

Councillor Sullivan took issue with Ms. Ryan that crime watches do not work. He stated that crime watch have helped develop a sense of community and people begun to look out for each other.

Councillor Galluccio requested support from the Women's Commission on fingerprinting. He requested if there was an analysis done by area or a determination if there was tenant neglect due to leaving doors open. Lieutenant Williams stated that the department does track trends of all crimes to allocate the necessary coverage in the city.

Mr. Schloming stated the ninety-five burglaries occurred when no one was home and that burglars force doors and windows.



Councillor Davis inquired if reports were given to the neighborhood as to what is happening. It is important that people know what is going on in the neighborhood. Information from the Police Department to the neighborhood will increase surveillance. Councillor Sullivan stated that the Police Department post a bulletin to make sure that information is passed on and stated that he was opposed to listing where victims live --it is illegal.

The committee heard from Robbie Farnsworth, a property owner, who stated that he supported the safety measures outlined here, however he did not believe in excessive regulations. He felt that cost benefits have to be made. He was opposed to the local implementation to the Building Code as it would add increased dollars to the cost to live in the city. He took issue with the intercoms as he felt they reduce security. He stated that he has removed these devices due to security on the request of the tenants. He stated that if the glass doors are secure enough for the banks, they are secure enough for him. He stated that a statistical cost-benefit analysis has not been done on this proposal.

We need effective changes. Hollow doors are not illegal, fire doors he stated are in compliance with the existing code and that secure door jams are needed more than a dead bolt lock.

The committee heard from Susan Griffith, 59 Elm Street, who stated that we must look at security and the quality of life -- dead bolt locks, lights and shrubbery -- how can security be obtained. She did not want to hear anymore statistics.

Ms. Lino stated in response to a question that while no standards exist for legitimate locks in the Boston area, there are no standards of safety in the area.

Councillor Sullivan requested Mr. Rossi to install a watch call box outside on the side of AS&E. Mr. Rossi responded that he would review the matter and take the necessary steps.

Councillor Sullivan stated that there were pros and cons on this issue and requested that Police Department, Women's Commission, Inspectional Services Department, tenant groups, homeowners, SPOA, and CHA all get together and work on the issues raised at this meeting. The issues he cited were of elderly residents, glass doors, effects of 1" to 1 1/2" dead bolt locks, effective date for compliance, one and two family units, law suits, tenants and landlords involvement.



At the conclusion of the hearing Councillor Sullivan requested that the groups work together and report back to the committee in three or four weeks.

The hearing adjourned at nine o'clock p.m.

For the Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sullivan", written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan,  
Chair



# City of Cambridge

The Public Safety Committee conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 in the Sullivan Chamber at six o'clock and forty minutes p.m.

Present were: Councillor Michael Sullivan, Chair, Councillor Katherine Triantafillou, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Anthony Galluccio, Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager; Robert Bersani, Commissioner of Inspectional Services; Nancy Glowa, Legal Counsel, Law Department and Donna P. Lopez, Interim Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Sullivan, Chair of the Committee, outlined the purpose of the meeting as being to discuss safety issues within multi-dwelling units containing more than three apartments as they relate to intercom systems, lighting, and any other safety issues in an attempt to develop preventative measures against violence and sexual assaults upon women.

The Committee heard from Gail Rossiter, from Cambridgeport Women's Safety Group, who read a prepared statement regarding the issues affecting the safety of women in Cambridge which is attached to this report. (Attachment A).

Ms. Peggy Lynch, also from Cambridgeport Women's Safety Group, addressed and informed the committee that she would be referring to several documents as follows: (See Attachment B).

1. Report from Commissioner Anderson dated June, 1995 addressed to Councillor Triantafillou on the issue of sexual assault;
2. Memo dated September 12, 1995 from Deputy City Solicitor, Don Drisdell to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding Order Number Ninety of July 31, 1995; (See Attachment C).
3. Memo from Robert W. Healy dated February, 1996 which included a letter from City Solicitor Russell B. Higley regarding proposed changes to the Building Code, and lastly (See Attachment D).
4. A pamphlet, prepared by the City of Cambridge, entitled "You Have A Right To Be Safe."

Report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair, Public Safety Committee, for a meeting held on April 17, 1996 for the purpose of discussing safety issues within multi-dwelling units containing more than three apartments as they relate to intercom systems, lighting, and any other safety issues in an attempt to develop preventative measures against violence and sexual assaults upon women.

In City Council April 29, 1996

*Report Accepted 9-0-0.*

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