

Window Bars

Definition: Rungs or grates installed outside windows as a deterrent to and prevention of unwanted entry.

Name window bars, security bars, child safety bars, burglar bars
Variants:

Most iron, steel, aluminum
Common
Materials:

Most bars, bolts, screws, grate, lock, door
Common
Components:

Location & Inspection of Window Bars

Abilities or Knowledge Needed:	- Visual acuity for location & inspection - Mobility for access to all areas of the property - Understanding of item's components
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Tools for Location & Inspection	Useful:	none
	Required:	none

Common Locations:	Unit/Inside:	any ground floor or basement room with a window
	Outside:	windows closest to the ground

How to Locate:	Visual Observation:	Look around windows, especially those on the ground floor or basement
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Possible Deficiencies:	Deficiency 1:	Window bars in a sleeping area will not open
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Rationale:	Maintenance:	Indicates maintenance staff is not identifying deficiencies or responding to self-generated or complaint-driven work orders.
	Health and Safety:	This exposes the resident to the possibility of not being able to egress in the event of a fire or another emergency.
	Operability:	Prevents proper use of window bars.
Health and Safety	Severe:	This is a life-threatening or severe health and safety issue requiring a 24-hour repair, correction, or act of abatement.
How to Inspect:	Action:	Engage lock on the window bars in a sleeping area and attempt to open.
Record deficiency if:	window bars will not open in a sleeping area.	