27. SECURITY DOORS AND WINDOWS

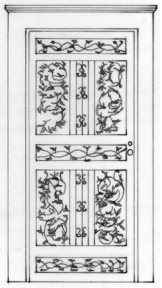
The installation of security doors and windows is appropriate within some parameters. Statistically, intruders primarily enter through rear or side doors or windows which are not visible from the street. The installation of security doors and window bars on these facades is appropriate. Although less appropriate on main facades, security doors may be installed if they are full view design or have minimal structural framing that allow viewing of the historic door behind it. Ornate security doors with extensive grillwork or decorative detailing are not appropriate for entrances on the primary facade. Window bars on primary facades should also be as visually unobtrusive as possible.

A. are not appropriate for primary facades but are for rear and side facades not readily visible from the street.

B. should be full-view, without ornate or decorative grillwork.

C. security bars on windows should not be located on windows readily visible from the street.

SECURITY DOORS AND WINDOWS: Illustrations



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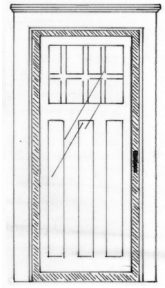

Appropriate

28. SHUTTERS

Window shutters were common on houses built at the turn of the century. Shutters had practical uses to block the sun in the summer and to protect windows during storms. With the widespread use of air conditioning in the mid-20th century, window shutters became more ornamental than practical and many original shutters have been removed. Most ornamental shutters available today are not appropriately sized or of the right materials. The addition of new shutters shall only be of smooth wood or other material to mimic smooth wood in design, dimension and profile and with dimensions which match the window opening.

A. should not be added unless the building originally had them, the shutters are of louvered construction or another historical style, and the shutters will fit the window opening (so that if closed, they would cover the window opening).

B. of vinyl construction are not permitted. These shutters generally have exaggerated wood graining, which is not convincing or compatible with historic dwellings.

C. must be installed with appropriate mounting and closure hardware and installed in the proper plane on the window casing as if operable (note: shutters do not actually have to be operable). Flush mounted wall installations shall not be permitted.