

# Church security guidance

## The protection of stained glass windows



All external windows containing stained, painted or engraved glass, should be externally protected by stainless steel grilles or polycarbonate sheeting which entirely covers the window.

In the case of polycarbonate sheeting, care should be taken to allow for ventilation.

### Installation

The installation of such protection is a specialised matter and should only be entrusted to a glazier or builder well experienced in installing such protection and in working on church buildings.

### Important notes

Permission may be required from the RCB for the protection of windows and they should therefore be consulted at an early stage and prior to any work being carried out.

It is the responsibility of the party implementing the above specification to ensure that the implementation does not contravene any statutory or Local Authority requirements, eg under the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act.

## Photographs

It is important to take photographs of all stained glass windows. Although a general shot of a window is helpful, these often do not provide sufficient detail for a stained glass restorer. More detailed photographs are needed. Heads, hands, draperies, landscapes and wildlife elements are the most difficult to replicate. Consider the lighting; ensure that you photograph west windows in the morning and east windows in the afternoon.

## Need to contact us?

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