

The Essential Guide to uPVC Door & Lock Failures

Understanding common problems with UPVC doors and how to keep your property secure with expert maintenance from [KLS Locks](#)



Why uPVC Doors Need Special Attention

The Complexity Challenge

Unlike traditional mortice locks that can last decades with minimal maintenance, **uPVC doors** rely on sophisticated multipoint locking systems. These mechanisms engage multiple bolts simultaneously, creating secure closure at several points along the door frame.

However, this complexity comes at a cost: more moving parts mean more potential failure points, and many multipoint locks begin showing signs of wear within 5-10 years.



Common uPVC Door Problems



Dropped Doors

Over time, door hinges can sag under the weight of the door, causing misalignment. This prevents proper engagement of the locking mechanism and creates draughts.



Key Spinning

When you turn the key but nothing happens, the internal cam or gearbox has likely failed. This frustrating issue often strikes without warning, leaving you locked out or unable to secure your property.



Failed Gearbox

The gearbox is the heart of the multipoint system. When it fails, bolts won't extend or retract properly, compromising security. Grinding noises or stiff operation are early warning signs.



Warning Signs Your Lock Needs Attention

01

Difficulty turning the key

Increased resistance when locking or unlocking

02

Unusual sounds

Grinding, clicking, or scraping noises during operation

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Door misalignment

Visible gaps or difficulty closing the door properly

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Handle feels loose

Excessive movement or wobbling in the door handle

Repair or Replace? Making the Right Decision

When Simple Adjustment Works

- Minor door drop (less than 5mm misalignment)
- Hinge adjustments needed
- Strike plate realignment
- Basic lubrication and maintenance

When Full Replacement Is Usually Necessary

- Broken gearbox or internal mechanism
- Snapped key in the lock cylinder
- Severe door drop requiring new hinges
- Obsolete lock parts no longer available

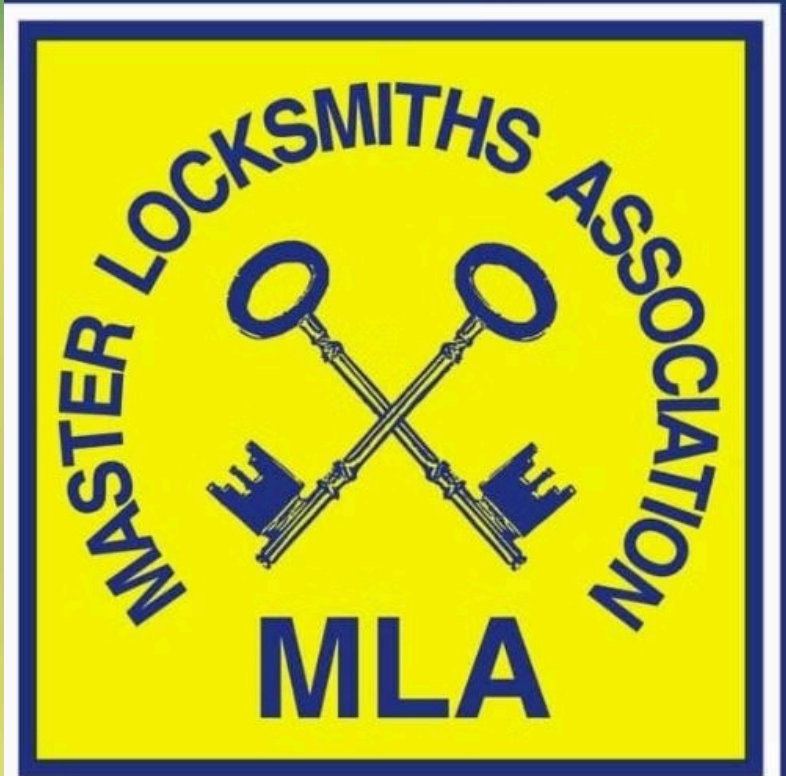
A qualified [locksmith](#) can assess your situation within minutes and recommend the most cost-effective solution for your specific circumstances.



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Why Choose KLS Locks?

Rapid Response Times

Emergency callouts available 24/7 across the region. Most non-emergency repairs completed within 24-48 hours of initial contact, minimising security risks and inconvenience.

Extensive Stock

KLS Locks maintains a large inventory of **uPVC door** and other lock parts. This means fewer delays and faster repairs for customers.

Trusted Reputation

A trusted **locksmith** approved by major insurance companies and contracted by local shopping centres for ongoing maintenance. Their work meets British Standards and comes with comprehensive guarantees.

MLA Approved & Trading Standards Checked

KLS Locks is **Master Locksmith Association Approved** and **Bromley Trading Standards Checked**

Contract Services: Peace of Mind Guaranteed

What's Included

KLS Locks offers comprehensive contract services tailored to residential properties, landlords with multiple units, and commercial premises.

- **24/7 locksmith services** for repairs and emergencies
- End of tenancy lock changes
- **UPVC door and window repairs**
- Securing empty properties
- Proactive replacement recommendations before failures occur



Customer Testimonials



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"Our shopping centre has used KLS Locks for three years. Their response times are excellent, and they've prevented several potential security issues through their proactive maintenance programme."

– Facilities Manager, Local Shopping Centre

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"The UPVC conservatory door was jammed and was unable to have it opened on both sides of the door. Barry quickly identified the problem and have the spare parts in hand.

Barry replaced the broken parts in minutes and the door is now working perfectly."

– Residential Customer

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Take Action Today

Don't Wait for a Lock Failure

Whether you're experiencing problems now or want to prevent future issues, KLS Locks offers free consultations to assess your property's security needs.

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- One-off repairs and adjustments
- [Contract services](#)
- Property security assessments
- [Emergency lockout services](#)

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