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## How To Repair the Center Latch for Double-Hung Window

The center latch is far and away the most commonly used window locking device; and the reason it's been around so long is because it is so reliable. A good window latch, particularly in urban areas, is vital for a homeowner's or apartment dweller's peace of mind.

### Utensils

Ruler  
Hammer  
Center punch or awl  
Cake of soft soap  
Medium flat blade screwdriver

### Ingredients

Center-latch sash lock  
Petroleum jelly

### Approximate Time: 15 To 20 Minutes

1. Close window tightly.
2. Mark off center of joined sash frame as shown in Figure 24A.
3. Take turning latch section of lock and place on the center mark of the upper frame of the lower sash, as shown in Figure 24B.
4. With hammer and awl, punch two holes through screw holes on the latch section of sash lock (Fig. 24B).
5. Rub screw threads over soap bar.
6. Drive screws in clockwise until secure.
7. Now, place hook section of lock on center mark of lower frame of upper sash (Fig. 24C). Make sure it is lined up evenly with latch section.
8. Punch holes as before.
9. Soap screws and drive securely into place, turning clockwise.
10. Lubricate latch with petroleum jelly.

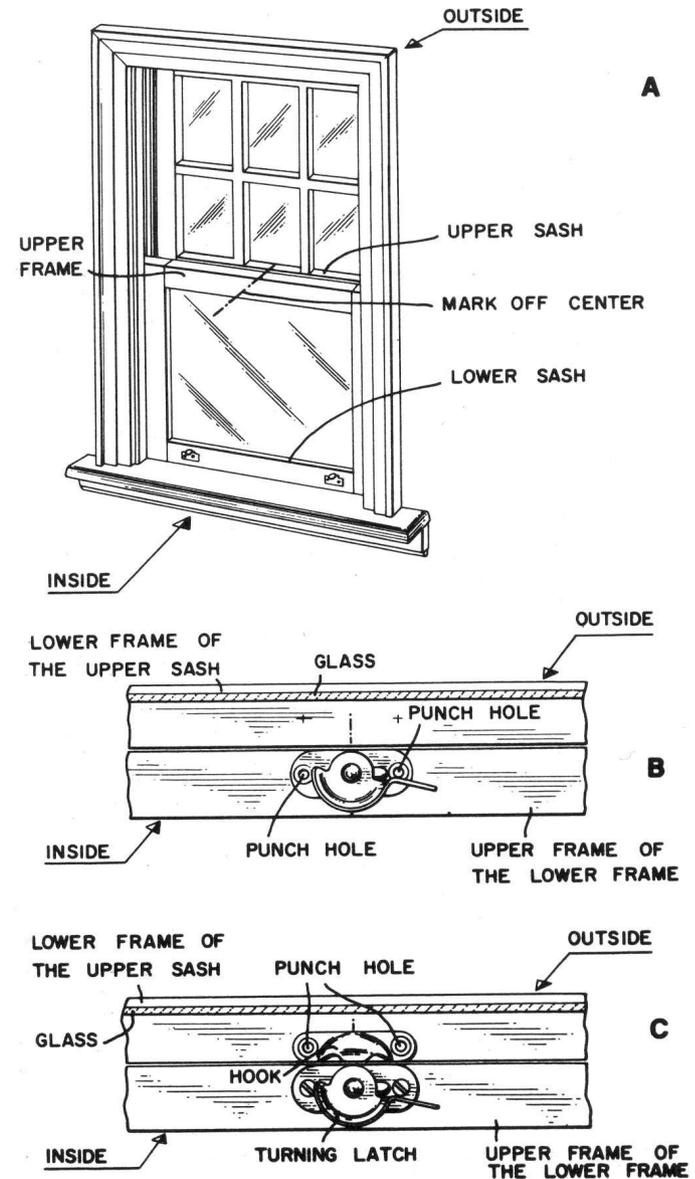


Figure 24.  
To Lock a Window