

Safety First!

Securing Window Boxes



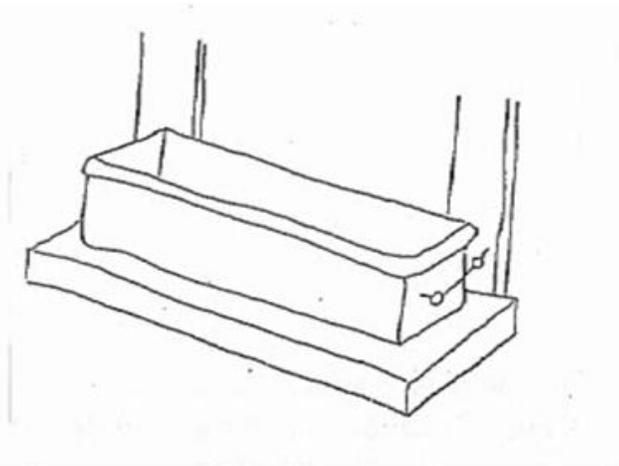
Attaching window boxes securely is important for safety and theft-prevention. There are many solutions, even if you're not a carpenter or a creative genius. Remember, by end of summer your box will be very TOP HEAVY with plants. Secure your window box so that it cannot TIP OVER or SLIDE OFF the sill. Every situation is unique; use your best judgment when following this advice.

Here are a few suggestions:



Attach two eye-screws and anchors – one on either side of your window – by drilling into the façade of your house (brownstone, brick, etc.) or the frame of your window sill (usually wood or thin metal). You can also screw into the window sill *inside* your house if the window or screen will close safely over the wire. Next drill into both sides of the window box, insert an eye-screw and secure with a nut. Loop 16-gauge wire from the eye-screw on the façade to the eye-screw on the box.

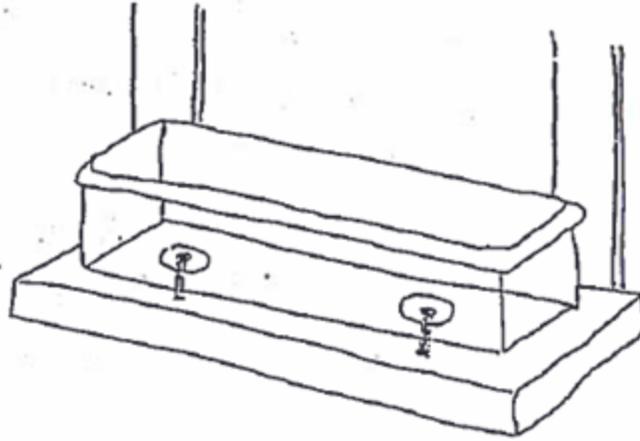
***Special Notes:** A special drill bit and anchor are needed to drill into masonry – Kits are often available at hardware stores containing a masonry bit, anchor, and screw. Screwing into metal window frames is not advised, as screws may pull out from the weight of the window box. For metal frames, use another method to attach your window box or consider a toggle bolt.*





Using a masonry bit, drill through the bottom of the window box and into the sill. Tap in a masonry anchor. Place a large washer (at least 2" in diameter) over the hole and screw a screw into the hole. For a more permanent effect, use epoxy, or instead of a screw use a hit-pin, which expands as it is hammered.

Special Notes: Make sure to provide drainage holes. Kits are often available at hardware stores containing a masonry bit, anchor, and screw.



Install an iron grill in front of your window. Place the window box inside the grill or hang the window box from the outside of the grill using a special set of hooks or basket. Wire the hooks to the grill.

Special Notes: More expensive, but very safe – and a child-safety device to boot.

Other ideas:

