

Safe Garage, Safe Home

Garage security is a crucial, yet often-overlooked aspect to the overall safety of your belongings and family.

Some reports have shown that experienced burglars can open a locked, yet deficient garage door in only six seconds.

And once they're in your garage, they can get away with valuable tools and toys, not to mention having easier access to the inside of your home.

And with the fall season full of trips to family members' homes and the shopping mall, it's time to check all of the doors, windows and other features of your garage to measure its security level when you're away from home.

SERVICE AND ENTRY DOORS

The side door on your garage is the most common point of entry for burglars. Why? Because many homeowners overlook the importance of have a dead-bolted door to the garage, which is just as important a feature on other exterior doors.

Install a dead bolt and heavy-duty strike plate to make forced entry a difficult task.

LIGHTING – INSIDE AND OUT

Bright lighting can deter a burglar – especially motion-detector lighting that not only can spook a thief, but will also be more cost-efficient for you than lighting that stays on all night.

As for the interior of your garage, think on the opposite end of bright lighting when you are away or sleeping.

Cover all of your windows to keep visibility from the outside to a minimum. A crook may be more likely to pass on trying to enter if he can't see inside.

KEEP THE CLICKER CLOSE

If you leave your garage-door remote affixed to your sun visor, you are in danger of simply giving away

access into your home. A thief who breaks in to your car – no matter where you are – can also swipe the remote for easy access into your garage.

Why not opt for a keychain remote that can be in your pocket or purse at all times? These small, handy clickers are perfect for ensuring garage security every time you leave the car.



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