



How to Use Garage Doors Safely

Each and every modern **overhead door** is equipped with safety sensors and a safety reversal mechanism. These work together to prevent serious accidents which can cause severe injuries. Even though the level of safety is extremely high, this does not mean that you can afford to be careless when it comes to the use of the **garage door opener** and its controls. Find out how to protect yourself and your loved ones from accidents.

General Safety Rules

Here are the most important dos and don'ts which you must adhere to when using the automatic door:

Never let any person or object stand under the frame when the door is opened and while it is moving downwards - In such situations, the reversal mechanism should work to prevent an accident, but it is always best to take this basic yet crucial safety step. The rule is certainly easy to keep.

Avoid touching any part of the door with bare hands - Finger pinching is one of the most common accidents and this is the best way to avoid it. If you have to tighten a **garage door hinge** or remove a pebble from one of the tracks, you should put appropriate safety gloves on. Generally, these have to be worn at all times during maintenance.

Take special measures for children's safety - Explain to youngsters that the system and its component are not for play. Teach kids to access the garage through the regular door. Never leave kids unsupervised when they are inside the garage or in front of it. Create a safe play area which is away from the garage door. These measures are not difficult to implement, yet they are extremely effective.

Educate everyone about garage door safety - Share these rules with the rest of your family and explain what may go wrong if the system is not used properly. Make sure that everyone takes the required precautions.

Wall Controls Use

During **automatic garage door installation**, all wall controls are mounted at a safe distance above the ground so they cannot be reached by small children. There are some additional measures which you can additionally take to protect your family.

Always keep the cap of the garage door keypad closed - This not only helps to protect the device from weather damage, but will make it less interesting for kids. More importantly, you set another barrier in front of curious youngsters.

Explain to kids that the wall controls are not toys - Make sure that the youngsters know how the controls work and why they are dangerous. This will help to prevent accidents as the children grow older.

Remote Control Use

The **garage door clicker** is one of the most practical devices you can use. You just have to ensure that you use it safely.

Make sure that you have clear view of the door when using the remote - You must never push the button while you turn around the corner or while you are taking out the groceries from the trunk and facing the opposite direction. Similarly, when it is dark outside, you should get as close to the door as possible before using the device.

Keep the remote away from kids and pets - Store it in a place which is high above the ground. If the clicker is on a keychain, which is recommended, keep it on a hook in the mudroom. High shelves are suitable options as well. While in the car, you should always keep the device in your pocket or in a compartment which is hard for kids to open.

Take all of these garage door safety measures and implement them every day.

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