

# Door Security

## References

- [Alarm New England](#)

## Fortification

- Door Composition
  - Replace any hollow-core exterior doors with metal-insulated or solid wood doors
  - replace doors with windows or large openings
- Frame
  - Fortify frame. Intruder may gain entry by breaking or prying door frame. Installing several 3 inch screws along frame and doorstop. Screws should reach wall stud.
  - door reinforcement
    - metal sleeve that bolts around door in area of doorknob and deadbolt to give that part of door additional strength
    - replace all screws with 3 inch screws
  - strike plate with heavy-duty strike plate and 3 inch screws
    - [Prime-Line U 9539 Armored Security Strike](#)
  - Hinges should be on inside of door. Rehang door or secure exposed hinges with non-removable pins.
- Door Locks
  - single-cylinder deadbolt
    - minimum of 1 inch when fully extended
    - tapered cylinder guard
    - resistant to key bumping
  - Double-Cylinder Deadbolt
    - Issue: can't get door unlocked because there is no thumb turn and you have to now find key, put it in slot, and unlock door
- Adjacent Openings
  - windows too close to door
  - Window Security Bars
- Security Chain / Peepholes / Video Doorbell
  - remove security chain - false sense of security
  - install peephole or security camera or video Doorbell

## Outward Opening Door

- Replace hinges with security "stud" hinges and/or hinges with setscrews
- [Cinchlock](#) door barricade

## Additional Security

- [Door barricades](#)
  - [Door barricade bar holders](#)
  - [Door Security Bar](#)

- [Alarmed Door Stop](#)
- [Door Reinforcement Lock](#)

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