

Door Security

References

- [Alarm New England](#)

Components

- 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

Additional Security

- [Door barricades](#)
 - [Door barricade bar holders](#)
 - [Door Security Bar](#)
 - [Alarmed Door Stop](#)
 - [Door Reinforcement Lock](#)

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