



## Lock installation tips

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Install deadbolts for exterior doors

Deadbolt locks are the most secure locking systems for exterior doors. Our experts explain that there are still differentiations among security locks and you must choose grade one or two locks according to ANSI ratings. The bolt inserted at the strike plate increases security.

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Don't install locks on your own

Apart from the hassle, door lock installation can be difficult. You might need to drill into the door, and don't forget that you are installing a new lock to enhance security. If you do anything wrong, you will be putting your security at stake.

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Change the strike plate along with the lock

Although the strike plate might be fine, replace it when you replace locks if you have had it for many years. Also make sure the slot is big enough for the size of the deadbolt. Make sure the strike plate is secured with long screws.

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Get an idea of how digital locks work

If you are about to replace locks, do some research on digital ones. Many home locks work with keypads as well as fobs and a mechanical key. So, you will have many options to lock and unlock the door which will help you avoid house lockouts.

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Your security depends on good locks

The American National Standards Institute tests locks and certifies them as grade one, two, or three with grade one being the strongest. This rating shows how durable door locks are and you should choose the best possible to really increase home or office security.

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Install more than security locks

Having durable door locks installed is one way of enhancing home security. Each house requires unique security measures, but most of the time, installing an alarm system, fixing lock problems right away, changing locks occasionally and putting extra lighting in the yard is also helpful.

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Install new screws at your strike plate

The strike plate is the piece of metal mounted on the door jamb. It must be well-secured since the deadbolt of your locks is inserted in the strike's slot to secure the door well. Many strike plates have short screws. Replace them with longer ones.

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Replace external door locks regularly

The door locks securing the property should be checked frequently and replaced occasionally. Today, there are many choices among security door locks and our technicians say that new technologies and locks can help you secure doors and windows much better. It's a preventive measure against burglaries.

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Get the right cabinet locks

There are several types of cabinet locks. The most common ones are magnetic locks, which lock and unlock with magnetic keys. If you want to secure a drawer, cupboard or any other furniture temporarily and don't want to ruin it, you can get adhesive locks.

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Make sure your mailbox lock is in good condition

Locks are installed for higher security. Today, most mailboxes have locks. If your letterbox lock is damaged, replace it. Personal data regarding bank accounts for

example will be well-secured with good locks. It's important to remember though, that mailbox locks are ruined easily because they're exposed to elements.

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Change simple window latches and get good locks

Simple window latches and plain locks won't keep all entry points secure. Many property burglaries occur through windows. Install new locks to second floor windows, too. Burglars can climb find ways of getting to the second floor windows if they notice an easy access point into your house. There are several window lock options.

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Get the right locks for your home

There are differences among locks designed for doors, windows, sliding patio doors, cabinets, mailboxes and internal doors. Depending on risk levels, decide whether you need security or plain locks. Our experts suggest deadbolts for exterior doors, adhesive cabinet locks and knob locks for internal doors.

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