



Residential locksmith FAQs

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How do I choose home locks?

External door locks must be very durable, have long bolts and be very resistant. Get ANSI rated grade 1 or 2 locks. Make sure they are security door locks - you can also get digital ones. Make sure they're installed properly and aligned with the strike plate.

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What are the best home security measures?

The first step towards better home security is proper installation of durable security door locks. Get good window locks, too. Make sure all entry points are connected to the central alarm system and have enough light. Repair locks as soon as they get damaged.

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Should I get digital locks for my house?

It's a good idea. There's a plethora of digital security door locks. If you're not used to them, get locks which are operated by keys, too. Many of them will also lock and unlock via a fob and by entering a code to the keypad.

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Why should I rekey the locks of my new house?

Lock rekey is important because it excludes the possibility of anyone being able to get into your new house with the old keys. Previous tenants or even realtors have used the keys. When you rekey the lock, the lock will only work with the new key.

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What are the differences between external and internal door locks?

Their difference lies in the security they provide. External doors require security locks so that burglaries will be avoided. There is no need for such locks in the house according to our specialists. For internal doors, knob locks would do.

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Should I replace the door along with the lock?

It would be smart to replace the door when you replace the door locks if the door is damaged, hollow or of poor quality materials. By getting a solid door and good security door locks, you are actively avoiding kick-ins and break-ins.

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How can I avoid house lockouts?

The best way to avoid house lockouts is to keep a spare key with you. It's also necessary to check the lock and key occasionally. Fix them if they're damaged as soon as possible. Lubricate the lock and make sure you have the right key with you.

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What should I do if my house keys get lost?

If you suspect that your keys were stolen, it's best to have them changed and rekey the specific door lock. With the lock rekeyed, the key will be completely different from the stolen one and no one will be able to intrude.

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Are there differences among home door locks?

There are many differences among door locks apart from the brand. They vary in terms of whether they were made for external or internal doors. External door locks are security locks. There are mortise, deadbolt, rim and other types of locks depending on current needs.

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How should I know my new locks are durable?

All locks are graded by the American National Standard Institute. Grade one and grade two door locks are the most durable ones. Choose among them, if you are interested in external security door locks. They are the most resistant and durable.

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Which internal door locks should I buy?

There are many choices among internal door locks. The most convenient ones are the knob locks, which have a thumbturn. You can easily turn it to lock and unlock the door. Locks with handlers are also very convenient, especially for those who don't like the tiny thumbturn.

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Why do I need cabinet locks?

Cabinet locks are optional and often recommended for people with small children looking for ways to protect their kids. As our experts explain, furniture locks aren't necessary.

Adhesive ones are very convenient because you can have them temporarily and then remove them without ruining the furniture.

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