

Garage Door Safety Tips

1. Do not let children play with garage door remote controls.
2. Make sure the garage door remote is out of reach of small children.
3. Consult the owner's manual – know how to use your garage door operator's emergency release feature.
4. Visually inspect the garage door each month. Look at the springs, cables, rollers and pulleys for signs of wear. Do not attempt to adjust, repair or remove any of these parts yourself. A trained professional needs to make adjustments/repairs as these parts are under high tension and you could seriously hurt yourself. In some cases, at home repair attempts can do more damage to the issue, and cost more in the end for repairs.
5. Test the garage door operator's photo eyes (the reversing mechanism) monthly by placing a roll of paper towels in the door's path. If the door does not automatically reverse after contacting the object call a garage door technician to get this issue fixed. If your garage door does not have photo eyes, also known as the auto-reverse feature, (if your operator is older than 1993) consider purchasing a new operator with this feature as a standard.
6. Never put your fingers between the door sections. Explain this to children or purchase a door with panels that do not pinch.
7. Do not leave the garage door partially open.
8. While on vacation you can unplug the garage door operator unit or you can use the vacation lock feature which renders the remotes unusable.
9. Get an operator with a rolling-code technology – this changes the access codes each time the operator is used to prevent code grabbing. A new trend in home invasion is gaining access to the home by stealing the remote from the car or the car itself.