

Patio Door Security Upgrade Checklist

Eight steps from soft target to secure entry

Quick reference

- 1 Add an auxiliary foot lock**
\$15-30, ten minutes. The single best dollar-for-dollar upgrade.
- 2 Install an anti-lift block**
Stop vertical lift attacks on older sliders for \$20.
- 3 Drop a Charley bar**
Visible deterrent and physical block in one. \$25-60.
- 4 Convert to a multi-point lock**
\$250-450 installed. Three engagement points instead of one.
- 5 Reinforce the strike on french doors**
Replace short screws with 3-inch screws into framing.
- 6 Install hinge bolts on french doors**
\$20 in parts, fifteen minutes per door.
- 7 Specify laminated glass on replacement**
Holds together when broken. \$200-400 premium.
- 8 Add a contact sensor and motion light**
Detection multiplies the value of every hardware change.

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