

Entry Door vs Front Door

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A quick reference so you order the right door

1 Entry door is the category

Any exterior door you walk through counts as an entry door: front, side, back, or garden. It describes function, not a spot on the house.

2 Front door is one specific entry door

It is the main entrance guests approach from the street. Every front door is an entry door, but not every entry door is your front door.

3 Match the door to the job

A front door is judged on looks and welcome. A side or back entry door is judged on security and durability. Buy for the role.

4 Glass and sidelites suit the front

Decorative glass, sidelites, and a transom brighten a main entrance. A utility side door is usually solid for privacy and strength.

5 Security matters most on hidden doors

Burglars often target side and back doors that neighbours cannot see. Prioritize solid slabs and quality deadbolts on those.

6 Fiberglass works for both roles

A fiberglass slab handles GTA weather, resists rot, and takes a finish well, making it a strong pick for a showpiece front or a hardworking side door.

7 Confirm the term before you order

When a supplier says entry door, ask whether they mean your specific front door or exterior doors in general. It changes the product and the price.

Ready to upgrade a front or entry door? Book a free ALDA estimate.