



FAQs on Garage Door Safety

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Q: How to make sure that my garage door is child-friendly?

A: One way is to make sure, is to see to it that they do not reach the switch so easily. If the door is remote controlled, keep the remote with you at all times. If they manage to get a hold of it, remind them not to play with it and that it is not a toy.

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Q: What are the signs of a faulty garage door?

A: One of the most obvious signs is the noise that you hear when you open or close the door (a creaking noise, in particular). Other indicators include longer opening and closing duration, and the garage door may even get a bit shaky. As soon as you notice these signs, make sure that you inspect it thoroughly and get it fixed soon.

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Q: How do I keep my garage door safe while I'm on holiday?

A: You can equip the garage door lock with a deadbolt. If you are worried that burglars might dismantle it, you can install additional security features, such as wireless keypads. Another option is to leave the remote with someone you trust. You can also lock it from the inside.

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Q: How do I prevent or minimize garage door accidents?

A: You can install some safety guards and openers. You should also make sure that the garage door's emergency feature is fully operational (read the manual beforehand). Another way to enhance security is to practice some safe habits. For instance, remove all the locks, ropes, cables, and other things that are in the door's path before it is closing.

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Q: How often should I inspect the garage door?

A: You can inspect it at least once a month. Speaking of regular inspection, make sure you get in touch with a qualified door contractor – like us at Garage Door Repair San Gabriel – to assess the condition. Luckily, we have enough experience and knowledge to assist you with all your garage door needs.

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Q: What if there is a power outage while the door is opening?

A: It can be dangerous if your door gets stuck halfway because the spring system might not be able to support the weight and collapse. In this case, try to lower it manually as soon as possible. Apart from the door collapsing, another threat is that burglars and thieves will take advantage of the opening and break into your home.

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Q: What do I do if the garage door keeps malfunctioning?

A: First of all, don't attempt to fix it yourself – especially if it just swings up and down. More importantly, don't think about pushing it up or pulling it down. This is one of the more severe problems that should be handled by a professional. Luckily, we can fix this problem for you.

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Q: What to do if something gets stuck in the garage door?

A: This is also one of the many problems that needs to be checked by a professional. Do not attempt to extract whatever is stuck because it might only cause further complications. It is also not safe to do so. There are plenty of things that could go wrong if you attempt this on your own.

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Q: What if I accidentally bump the garage door with my car?

A: The good thing is that you can install some shock guards – specifically along the support areas – so it can withstand minor collisions. Of course, it goes without saying that you should be careful while parking your car in the garage. If the door gets bumped a lot, some of the components may turn loose.

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Q: What other safety measures do I need to know to keep the garage door safe and secure?

A: If you have a family, make sure that they know the safety instructions in case something goes wrong. If you have kids – for instance – always remind them that the garage is not a playground, and do not let them gain access to the door opener or any other component.

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Q: How do I test the automatic safety features of a garage door?

A: You'll have to conduct several tests. The first involves the obstruction sensor, the second tests the garage door balance, and the last deals with the automatic reversal system. In case any one of these tests goes wrong, you can call us and we will check it for you. Conduct these tests regularly to make sure that the automatic safety gears are fully functional.

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Q: What if the garage door has a faulty or cut wire?

A: This is another problem that should be fixed by professionals like us. Metal is a natural conductor of electricity, and if this wire is in contact with the garage door while it is plugged on, anyone can get electrocuted. In addition to this, advise your loved ones not to use the door for a couple of days until it gets fixed.

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