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Given that the garage often holds valuable equipment and vehicles, it's a prime target for theft. More than ever, people are using their garages as home offices, gyms, or storage hubs, which means its contents are even more valuable. And while we often focus on securing windows and front doors, statistics show that 18% of Australian burglaries involve entry through the garage , making it the third most common entry point after windows (31%) and back doors (27%). If your garage leads to your home, breaching one leads directly to the other. That's why it's essential to know how to secure your garage door using both physical deterrents and smart technology.

1. Secure Your Garage Door Access Points Garage door remote controls are notoriously easy to misplace. Many people leave them in their cars, making them an easy grab for anyone breaking into the vehicle. To minimise this risk, attach your remote to your keys and always bring them inside. Not into the garage, but into your home. A smarter option is to limit the number of handheld remotes being used. Wall-mounted Entry Keypads are ideal for families with children (no more lost keys or remotes) or for granting access to a visitor. Provide users with a PIN and eliminate the risk of misplaced remote controls. For the most flexibility and control in securing your garage door, upgrade to Smart Phone Control . With the B&D; App, you can open or close your garage door remotely, check whether it's been left open, and receive notifications for unusual activity, like if the door has been forced or left ajar for too long. Multiple family members can use the B&D; App, with alerts indicating who used the garage door and when. You can even connect it with Google Home or Apple Siri, allowing hands-free access. And don't forget the entry door between your garage and home. This internal door should have a solid core and be fitted with a deadbolt lock. Treat it like a second front door and don't forget to keep it locked at all times.

2. Upgrade to a Smarter, More Secure Opener Many homes rely solely on the motor of the automatic garage door opener to keep the door shut, but that's not always enough. Some doors can still be opened by force or through signal interference. B&D; garage door openers feature Automatic Backdrive, which activates the motor in reverse if someone tries to push the door up manually. When paired with AUTO LOCK ™

TM , a heavy-duty deadbolt that engages every time the door closes, you'll enjoy an added layer of protection without having to think about it. If you're looking for a reliable way to reinforce the door itself, this combination is one of the most effective ways to secure your garage door against forced entry. And if you have our Smart Phone Kit, you will also receive notifications of a forced entry attempt via the B&D; App. Outdated remotes are also susceptible to "code grabbing" or "code hacking," where thieves capture the signal used to open your garage. Our Tri-Tran+ Premium remote controls use rolling code technology, selecting a new code with each use. With trillions of combinations, your signal stays secure. To maintain optimal performance and ensure all your features work correctly, schedule regular servicing with an Accredited B&D; dealer.

3. Make Your Garage Less Appealing to Thieves Thieves often scope out homes before making a move. Don't make it easy for them. Garage windows—whether on the garage door itself or the walls—are great for letting in light and adding openness. However, they also give outsiders a direct view into your garage. If thieves can easily see sports equipment, vehicles, or keys on the wall, they may be more tempted to break in. Add curtains, blinds, or privacy film to windows, and keep valuables out of sight. Even covering a window with a frosted adhesive can obscure visibility without sacrificing daylight. Inside the garage, keep valuables out of sight and avoid leaving car keys, wallets, or laptops lying around. Lock toolboxes and cabinets. If your garage is visible from the street, resist the urge to leave the door open unnecessarily. Outside, clear away hiding spots like overgrown shrubs, wheelie bins, or clutter near garage walls. Thieves look for low-visibility areas to loiter or hide. Take a walk around your property with a burglar's mindset to identify hidden dangers or break-in points. Making it harder for burglars reduces your risk. Most importantly, light the area well. Motion-sensor LED lights placed near garage doors, driveways, and side entrances can startle intruders and alert nearby residents. Solar-powered options are available if wiring is an issue.

4. Reinforce With Smart Locking Technology Many people assume that once their garage door is closed, it's locked. But that's not always the case. Unless your opener includes a built-in lock, it's possible for someone to pry the door open. With AUTO LOCK TM TM , your door is physically secured each time it closes, using a high-strength locking bolt. It works automatically when using the B&D; remote or Smart Phone Control, giving you peace of mind that the door is secure, even when you're away. You can also extend your home's protection by integrating the garage with smart cameras or alarm systems. Position cameras at key entry points, and opt for models that offer live viewing through your phone. This extra visibility is especially useful if your garage is detached or faces a laneway. With the right tools and habits, learning how to secure your garage door becomes a straightforward part of home protection. Don't forget, some insurance providers may offer a reduced premium or excess if you've installed approved garage security measures like AUTO LOCK TM TM , sensor lights, or a smart access system. It's worth checking with your insurer to see what benefits apply.

Want To Know How To Secure a Garage Door That Suits Your Home? Home security is worth taking seriously. Knowing how to secure a garage door is an important part of protecting your home, especially when that door is often overlooked as an entry point. If you are thinking of upgrading your garage door and opener, contact us for a free measure and quote and our experienced team can discuss implementing suitable garage door security features. To keep your garage, home and family protected. Looking for more information? Explore our broad range of colours, designs, textures and styles Explore Range Explore Range Explore Range A rough guide for what a new door and opener will cost Price Guide Price Guide Price Guide Keep your home and family safe and secure with B&D; Safety & Security Options Safety & Security Options Safety & Security Options Reimagine your home with a B&D; garage door. With our latest garage door visualiser, you can effortlessly preview how a new door will enhance your home's exterior. It's a simple and innovative way to bring your vision to life. Compatible and easy to use on your smartphone devices. Try it today and see the transformation for yourself. Garage Door Visualiser Garage Door Visualiser Garage Door Visualiser Why Choose B&D; Safe as can B&D; Reliable as can B&D; Smart as can B&D; Quite as can B&D; Original as can B&D; Need help finding something? We have a number of ways to help you find what you're looking for. If in doubt, give our friendly team a call. We'd love to hear from you. FAQ's FAQ's FAQ's Call us Call us Call us Explore our full range Explore our full range Explore our full range Contact us 13 62 63 13 62 63 Mon - Fri 8am-6pm AEST Head Office: 6-8 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough VIC 3173 Quick links Trade Resources Trade Resources Residential Garage Doors Residential Garage Doors Roller Doors Roller Doors Sectional Doors

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