

# GARAGE DOOR SAFETY

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## ***Garage door safety tips for keeping everyone and everything safe and secure:***

1. Make sure the garage door opener control button is out of the reach of small children.
2. Do not let children play with garage door remote controls.
3. Visually check to make sure there is nothing in the path of the garage door before closing.
4. Visually inspect the garage door each month. Look at springs, cables, rollers, and pulleys for signs of wear. Do not attempt to remove, adjust, or repair these parts or anything attached to them.
5. Never place fingers between door sections and explain the dangers to children.
6. Do not leave the garage door partially open. When activated again, it may travel downward and strike any objects in its path.
7. Never leave the remote control in the car; it is a small inconvenience for safety and security.
8. Do not warm up your car in the garage during winter months as this can create unsafe levels of carbon monoxide.

## ***How to open your garage door manually:***

1. With the garage door in the closed position, pull the emergency cord to disconnect the door from the garage door opener. The cord usually has a red handle and will hang down from the center rail.
2. Lift the garage door straight up until the door is fully open. Make sure the door will remain fully open before leaving it unattended.
3. If the springs are properly balanced, the door will open easily with the lift handles and stay in place.
4. Close the door manually until it reaches the floor.
5. Lock the door. When the automatic opener is disconnected, the door is not securely shut until you manually slide the lock bar.
6. Reconnect the opener when the power comes back on. Make sure the door is unlocked when the opener is reconnected. Electrically opening the garage door with the lock bar in place can cause major damage.