

How to Barricade a Door Against Entry

In the event of an active threat, your first response should always be RUN if you can. But if you cannot run, your next option is to HIDE. Once you've locked the door, barricading entry greatly improves your security.

Which way does your door open? Look for hinges: if you see hinges, the door will open towards you (inward, into the room). If you don't, it will open away from you (outward).

Barricading Inward Opening Doors

Because this door must be pushed into the room to gain access, placing heavy objects in front of the door will make it difficult to open from the outside.

You can:



Place a chair under the handle.

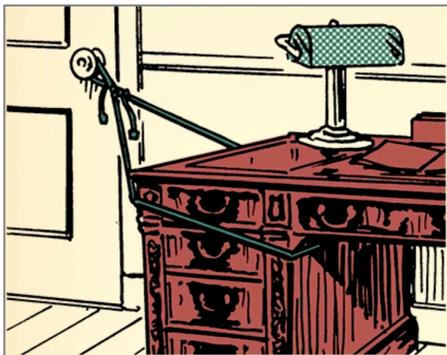


Stack furniture in front (or place in a line from the door to the opposing wall, if time permits)

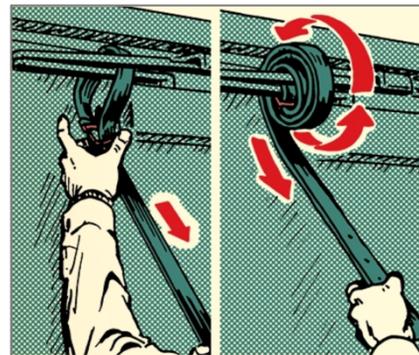
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Outward opening doors are a bit more challenging to secure, but being aware of your available resources still makes security within reach.

You can:



Use a cord, belt, purse strap, cable, etc. to tie to heavy furniture. Or, stand to the side of the door and hold the strap yourself.



Tie a cord, belt, strap, cable etc. tightly around the door hinge.