

# Fire-Rated Entry Doors for Attached Garages: What the Ontario Building Code Requires

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## Why it matters

Garage fires are one of the deadliest categories of residential fires. The door from the garage into the house is your first line of defence.

## Code requirement 1

20 minute fire-protection rating on the full door assembly: slab, frame, hinges, weatherstripping.

## Code requirement 2

Tight-fitting weatherstripping. Gaps allow smoke and carbon monoxide through long before flame.

## Code requirement 3

Self-closing. Spring hinges or overhead closer. A propped door is non-compliant.

## Code requirement 4

No pet doors. Any cut into the door breaks the rating.

## How to check

Look for a permanent metal label on the hinge edge listing manufacturer and 20-Minute rating. No label means not rated.

## Compliant door specs

Solid steel or mineral core, rated frame, three heavy-duty hinges, intumescent perimeter seals, self-closing hardware.

## Cost in 2026 GTA

Slab only \$400 to \$700. Slab plus rated frame \$700 to \$1,400. Install \$300 to \$600. Total replacement \$1,000 to \$2,000.

## Carbon monoxide alarms

OBC also requires a CO alarm in the room adjacent to the attached garage. Check the alarm when replacing the door.

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