

The Sidelight Security Checklist

Five upgrades that make front door sidelights safer, from Luma Doors

Close the two biggest gaps

1 Upgrade to laminated glass

The pane holds together under impact, so there is no clean hole to reach through.

2 Remove the reachable thumbturn

Use a double-cylinder deadbolt or a smart lock with no exposed turn beside the glass.

Add affordable layers

1 Apply a security window film

A high-value retrofit that holds existing glass together if you are not ready to replace it.

2 Reinforce the frame and strike

Anchor the strike plate with three-inch screws and confirm the sidelight frame is solid.

3 Improve lighting and visibility

Good entry lighting and a doorbell camera remove the cover an intruder relies on.

Before you buy

1 Ask if the glass is laminated

Laminated is the property that resists a reach-through; confirm it on your sidelight order.

2 Match the lock to your household

Make sure everyone can still exit fast in an emergency, especially with a keyed inside cylinder.

3 Get a written quote

Costs vary by panel size, glass, and retrofit versus full replacement; always confirm in writing.

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