

# Keyless Entry

Keyless locks work by pushing in a numbered code on a keypad, or they can be WiFi enabled and opened remotely via an app. In a traditional deadbolt that features a multi-lock system, the bolts in keyless locks and deadbolts are essentially the same. With that said, you may want to join the folks who've gone keyless for convenience.

*Would not having to carry a front door key around sound like freedom to you?* It might especially appeal to the many parents whose kids frequently lose house keys. How about allowing family or friends into your home to feed the fish or check the pipes. And, no more fumbling for keys while standing in the rain or cold.

Locks are a big decision and can cause a major headache with the wrong selection. **Arrowhead Stairs & Trim Hardware** would be happy to provide you advice to ensure you're making the right choice.

## What to Consider in a Keyless Entry System

**Entry method** Keypads are a popular option for families, as they're easy for kids to remember, but the downside is that anyone who has the code can access your home. On the other hand, locks that use your smartphone are more secure, but what happens if you forget your phone? Consider the pros and cons of each type when shopping.

**Backup keys** Most keyless entry systems include a backup key slot in case they malfunction, but there are some truly keyless products available. If you want to ensure that your house has maximum protection against lock bumping or picking, you might want to look into these entirely keyless options.

**Additional functionality** Some keyless entry systems simply grant access to your home, but others come with additional features for added convenience. For instance, some smart locks allow you to grant temporary access to guests or service professionals and even monitor who locks or unlocks the door and when.

## Additional Security Tips

1. Replace hollow-core wood exterior doors with solid wood or steel doors.
2. Reinforce wood door jambs with additional steel plates, which make the door harder to kick in.
3. Install strike plates made of heavy-duty metal, and secure them with 3-inch screws.
4. Replace sidelight glass with shatter-resistant polycarbonate.
5. Lock doors whenever you leave the house, even for a short time. In fact, lock doors and windows when you're home, too.