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An opener without a safety reversal mechanism must be replaced immediately

If the electric operator which you have had been produced before 1993 and does not meet the UL 325 standard, you must have it replaced with a new unit straight away. This will give you the highest possible level of safety.

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Have the wall button mounted over five feet above the ground

This prevents young children from accessing it accidentally or intentionally, starting the opener and operating the door. This is a primary safety measure. You have to take it when you have a new electric operator installed.

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Never walk or push objects under the door when it is closing

Even though all garage door openers made after 1993 have safety reversal mechanism, you should follow this safety rule strictly. This is essential since the mechanism may not perform optimally or one of the major components such as the spring may have damage.

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Use the remote and the wall button only when you have clear visibility of the door

This will help you to ensure that there are no people, pets and objects around during the opening and especially during the closing of the door. This is a simple yet extremely important measure to prevent serious accidents.

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Always disengage the opener when providing maintenance

You need to ensure that the device will not start moving the door while you work on the garage door parts and panels. This can lead to a serious accident. You can reconnect the device once you are done with the job.

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Avoid touching the garage door parts with bare hands

It is best to wear gloves during maintenance. Use appropriate tools for cleaning and lubrication. You should never try to remove debris stuck between the sections or the rollers and the track without a tool as the risk of injury is considerable.

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Do not operate the door when there are broken or severely damaged components

This is particularly applicable in the case of broken garage door spring, snapped cable or bent track. If the door is operated when such an issue is present, a serious accident leading to property damage and bodily injury can occur.

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Establish safety rules for the children to keep

You should explain the dangers which the overhead garage door poses and forbid play with and around it. Kids have to understand that the remote controls and other accessories are not toys and must be operated by adults only.

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Test the safety sensors every three months

You need to open the door fully, place an object in front one of the sensors, and push the button to start the closing process. The door must not move from its open position. If it does, have the sensors checked, fixed or replaced immediately.

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Provide full hardware inspection twice a year

Check all metal components for extensive wear and tear, fraying, dents, deformation, corrosion and other types of damage. The garage door parts which are in poor condition must be replaced timely so that accidents are prevented. The replacement parts must possess the same specifications.

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Keep remote controls secure and away from kids

Each clicker should be carried on a key chain. Keep the device with you at all times. When you are at home, leave the unit in a place which cannot be reached by small children. The remote should be protected from moisture, heat, and sunlight.

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Test the contact reversal mechanism four times a year

You should open the door fully and place an object, which does not block the safety sensors, underneath it. A folding chair is a great option. When the door reaches the backrest of the chain during closing, it must reverse immediately upon touching it. If it does not, the opener must be fixed immediately.

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