



Avoid these mistakes when buying a cellar door

Do you lust after a new cellar door?

Let's face it; no one wants to buy a new cellar door. It is not like buying that new car or flat screen TV. But you know when you need one. The two major reasons why people buy a new cellar door are obvious. They have to replace it because the old one leaks or because the old one is so deteriorated or ugly that it is unsafe or a real eyesore.

Leaks; a thing of the past.

A leaking cellar door can lead to damage in the basement. High moisture levels can promote mold and mildew and all their accompanying medical problems. Don't fall for the quick and dirty (and often inexpensive) installation. You can purchase the best cellar door on the planet but if it isn't **INSTALLED CORRECTLY**, you will never be happy. Be sure to pick a true experienced professional installer like **CT CELLAR DOORS** that stands behind their work. Look for a Written Watertight Guarantee.

Learn from the past and don't repeat its mistakes

Don't make the mistake of replacing that old wooden cellar door with another wooden one which will deteriorate in just a few years. Old rotten wooden cellar doors are dangerous because they can no longer carry the weight of a child, and they are a security risk.

Old metal cellar doors often rust so badly they never look good even with an annual coating of paint – which quickly flakes and falls off. Don't replace that rusting old metal cellar door with another metal unit that will just rust again. Install a door with new **CT CELLAR DOORS** Powder Paint coatings. These coatings are so rugged they are also used to protect many industrial products. Not only are they durable, but they come in a variety of colors. **CT CELLAR DOORS WILL APPLY ON** new doors prior to their installation. The coatings are applied to the inside of the doors as well as the outside. This is important because the high moisture levels found in cellar door staircases can quickly allow rusting to form on uncoated doors. So, don't buy a new cellar door that will only need to be painted. Go for the coated door!

Don't choose a handyman or inexperienced contractor.

Installing a cellar door is not a trivial exercise. The circumstances surrounding a cellar door installation vary tremendously from house to house. There are very few "routine" installations so it is important to use a **company like CT CELLAR DOORS** who has "seen it all", someone who has installed thousand of doors. Choose a contractor with years behind him that will also be there to support you if needed in the future. As important as the contractor, are his installers.

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Last, but certainly not least, protect yourself as well as your cellar entry.

Make sure the contractor is licensed in Connecticut **like CT CELLAR DOORS**. There are many people out there who are moonlighting and are not registered with the state. If you choose a state licensed contractor, the State can work in your behalf if things go wrong. The State will not stand behind you if you choose to use a non registered installer. Check that he has all the necessary insurances including liability insurance of \$1,000,000. Even more importantly, and very often overlooked, does he carry Workman's Compensation Insurance on his employees? This is very important because if an installer is hurt while working on your home, and he does not have Workman's Comp, he can come after you, the homeowner, to help pay his medical bills. Finally, verify that the contractor is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Business. Visit the BBB website to check them out. Almost every business has had complaints. What is important is how those complaints were resolved.

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