

## **SECURITY DOORS**

As most of you are aware our community has had some serious security issues. As a consequence, members of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) have been asked a number of questions regarding security screen doors. Hopefully, this article will address those questions.

### **Screen Door vs. Security Screen Door**

There is a difference. A simple, lightweight screen door fits within an outside doorway in order to admit air and exclude insects. Often it will have a lock but typically does not offer a great deal of security because it can be easily cut through. A security screen door offers enhanced forced-entry deterrence. The heavy-duty frame is combined with forged-steel pickets (posts) and strong, metal mesh that cannot be easily damaged. Be sure to discuss the difference when choosing a door.

### **A Choice of Door Designs**

Home Depot and Lowe's offer many choices in security screen doors. Please note there are already established *color* guidelines for front screen doors. However, because of the number of available design patterns in security doors the ARC has established guidelines for selecting one. You will need to provide a picture of the door design with the ARC Home Improvement Form. A pictorial list of acceptable choices can be found on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. Or, if you still have questions, please contact one of the ARC members:

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