

# An OUNCE of Prevention...

...is worth a POUND of cure!

If your doors are experiencing challenges, there are simple steps YOU can take! Give us a call at 727-641-8106.

This famous Benjamin Franklin quote holds particularly true when it comes to your sliding glass doors. Let's examine some common concerns so you will know what to look for in your door system and understand when corrective action is needed.

**Crack Attack:** Open your door just a little bit, so you can see a crack to the outside. Now look very carefully at this crack. Is it even from top to bottom?

Notice the example has a larger crack at the top than the bottom, indicating either the wheels are broken, or out of alignment. Lack of alignment may affect the locking

mechanisms and means seals from the weather-stripping will not function optimally, leaking in hot air in during summer or cold air in the winter.

Broken wheels gouge up and destroy tracks. Although solutions exist to assist with damaged tracks, in this case an ounce of prevention is most certainly worth a pound of cure! When replacing wheels, use high quality stainless steel rollers with sealed bearings which will add years of life to your door and will NOT need to be greased or lubricated.

from the metal frames. Although serious and dangerous for the glass,



it is NOT the end of the door's life! Glass separation is generally an indicator of additional problems in the door, one of which is that the screw systems need reinforcement. We kidding-ly tell our clients that we're the company out there who will "screw you" and you will appreciate it! However, corroded screws are just a part of the problem. Fixing this problem requires deli-

so it won't happen again.

**Killer Corrosion: Enemy # 1 for a slider is CORROSION!**

We regularly encounter some pretty corroded situations. Corroding wheels can corrode the track. When left unchecked, corroding wheels will actually bulge out the bottom rails,



producing a sort of pregnant look around the area where the wheels live inside the rail. This "Pregnant Door Syndrome" will, in time, cause pitting and completely "eat" up the aluminum frame in this area. Once this occurs, the door is a candidate for replacement. If caught in time, this can be repaired, although this situa-

**Separation Anxiety:** Sometimes we get panic-stricken calls from clients who have door glass separating

cate precision and addressing all the issues on the door, including replacing the screws with stainless ones,

tion is VERY SERIOUS in a door. Think cancer for your door and seek professional help immediately!

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