

Unseen Menace In Home

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In 1960 a 9-year-old boy walked through the glass of a patio door in his Seattle home. He was permanently disfigured by lacerations over his entire body.

The child's father, editor of a building trades magazine, was shocked to discover that the door had not been constructed of shatterproof glass. He began making inquiries of friends, associates and physicians concerning the frequency and severity of such accidents as the one his son had suffered. Within a year the tally for that one county was 90 injuries and two fatalities. These were the first productive efforts to identify the hazard presented by glass doors. By summer of 1964, it was estimated that upwards of 80,000 Americans a year run, walk or fall through unseen glass doors.

SLIDING glass doors and picture panels, as well as shower enclosures and doors, are ordinarily made of a plate or crystal known as annealed glass. This is glass which has been heated slowly and cooled slowly in manufacture. It is generally less than a quarter inch in thickness and shatters easily. When struck, this glass tends to explode in a shower of long glass needles having great penetrating power. Many of the glass door injuries reported involve severed arteries. It is the needle shards from shattered glass

that are responsible for the seriousness of these injuries. Safety glass is either 1) tempered by slow heating and rapid cooling; 2) wired with a mesh embedded in the glass during manufacture; or 3) laminated into a sandwich-like form with two sheets of annealed glass fused to a sheet of plastic in between. All of these can be cracked but will not shatter.

For the original installation or replacement of glass doors and panels, safety glass is easily obtainable and, while somewhat more expensive than ordinary glass, provides important insurance against serious or even fatal injury.

BECAUSE all of us must live with a great deal of glass in our surroundings, additional safeguards and rules will help to reduce the hazard of this kind of injury:

- Never assume a glass door is open — watch where you are going and be sure;
- Children should be taught never to run or play near glass doors;
- Scatter rugs, toys and other articles which may cause a person to slip, trip or fall should be kept away from glass door areas;
- To make glass doors more visible, apply decals, decorative stickers or pressure tape to the doors at two levels — adult eye level and child eye level.
- Use non-slip bath mats or adhesive strips in showers and tubs to prevent falls into glass enclosures.

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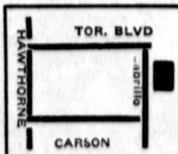
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