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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION ABOUT TILT DOORS

On page two of this safety bulletin you will find a recent newspaper article highlighting the danger lurking in every garage that has a tilting style garage door.

There will in time become a requirement for all of these doors to have a safety device fitted, and this will most likely happen when a small child is injured.

Don't wait until this happens, arrange for us to fix this potential disaster from happening **NOW!!!!**

For around **\$120 incl GST**, a safety device can be fitted that will ensure the spring, should it break, or when it **does** break, that it does not become a deadly projectile.

Protect your family, tenants and loved ones by phoning us to arrange to have one installed on your door(s) to help protect and ensure the safety of your family.

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Nasty surprise: Milly Morice, 10, left, her sister Abby, 8, and brother Nathan, 5, with a spring that failed in their garage and flew off, just missing them and leaving a large scratch on the family car.

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Danger coiled behind garage door

There is a danger lurking in garages across the country, and a Taranaki man says it is "pure chance" that no lives have yet been lost.

New Plymouth geophysicist Stephen Morice and his three children had a near miss this year when a spring on their tilt garage door snapped and shot across the room about half a metre from their heads.

The garage door technician who came to repair it said it was not a freak occurrence, Mr Morice said. "His comment was – and I'll always remember those words – 'Those springs go all the time, and they're lethal.'"

The spring shot across the

garage and glanced off his wife's car before ricocheting off the opposite wall.

The springs weigh 1.3 kilograms each and are 30 centimetres long.

Based on information from Spring Specialists in Auckland, Mr Morice worked out that each spring could store 30 per cent more power than a .22 rifle. "It could've been fatal. It's pure chance that one of my children wasn't killed."

Mr Morice said it cost \$500 to repair the paint job on his car, but this was an insignificant price when he considered how close the spring came to his children. "There must be tens of thousands of these

doors in the country."

Doug Watson, of Fred Chapman's Garage Doors in Wellington, estimated there were "a fair few thousand" tilt doors in the capital alone.

He said the company came across broken springs "from time to time" and agreed it was not a danger people thought about.

People with tilt doors should keep an eye on their springs and have them serviced every year or two, as there was no telling when they could break, he said.

Garage doors in New Zealand and Australia are governed by a voluntary standard.

Fairfax



Tension: Garage door springs should be serviced every year or two, a door fitter advises.