# How to keep bears out of your cabin

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### Build bear barriers



### Avoid this damage to your cabin.



### Build bear barriers stronger than these.



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# When building bear shutters consider:

- ▶ using at least ¾ inch plywood.
- mount shutters as flush to the wall as possible.
- inset shutters inside the window frame.
- >use fully threaded hanger bolt screws.
- ➤ make bear barriers easy to put up and take off.
- ➤ simple is good!



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### Inset shutter secured with barrel bolts.



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### ¾ inch plywood on a cable.









### Welded window covers.



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The grating can be removed by releasing the horizontal bolts.



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### A rail system





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### A pin secures the shutter.

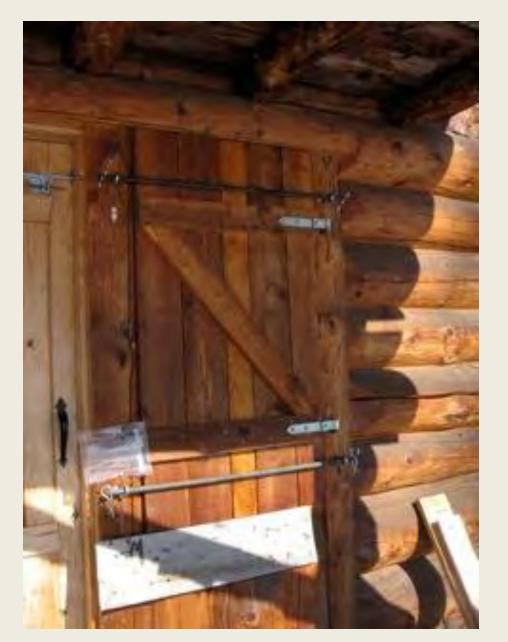


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# A hinged shutter secured with gate latches and a back up chain.



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Another way to keep shutters or doors from being pulled open.

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### **DOORS**

- ➤ Ideally a door should open out.
- ➤ If your door opens inward design a way to keep it from being pushed in.
- ➤ Put an eye bolt through the door and chain the door to the outer wall.
- ➤ Build a bracket that will allow you to insert a 2 x 4 across the door.
- ➤ Block a 2<sup>nd</sup> door from the inside with 2x4 brackets lag screwed into the wall.



### This construction will allow a bear to easily enter your cabin.



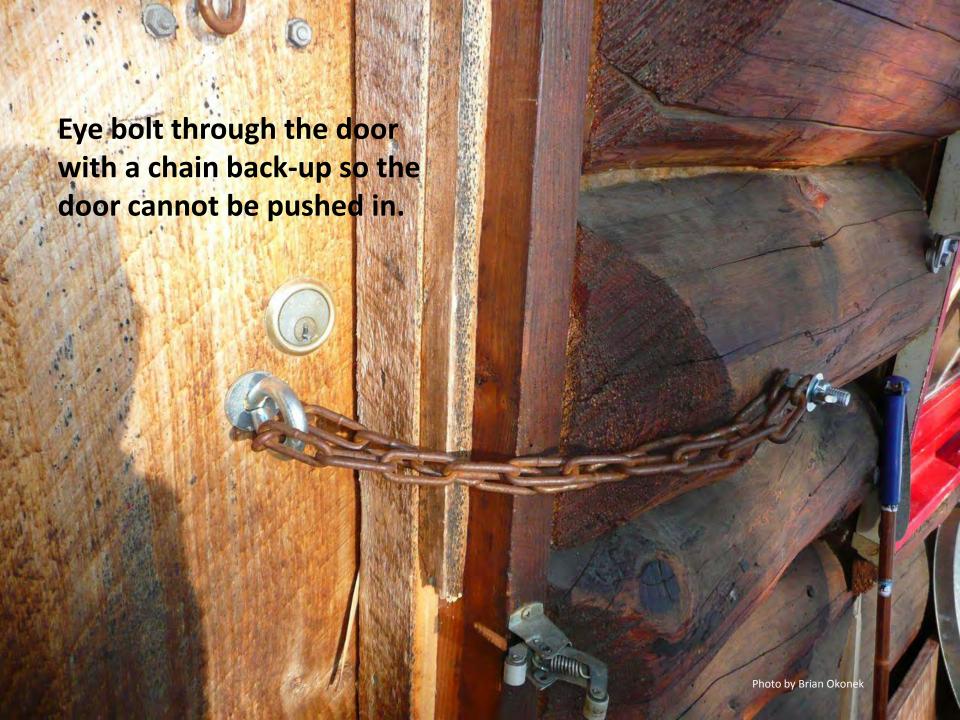




Steel brackets made to prevent a door from being pushed inward.







Steel security door designed and built by the owner.



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### Welded door and window guards.



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If you have a second door that opens in, you can secure it with brackets and a 2x4 from inside the cabin.



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## To protect your property and keep bears wild be creative and outsmart them.





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