

Don't kill yourself! Avoid the hidden dangers of DIY
Cure the top backyard headaches

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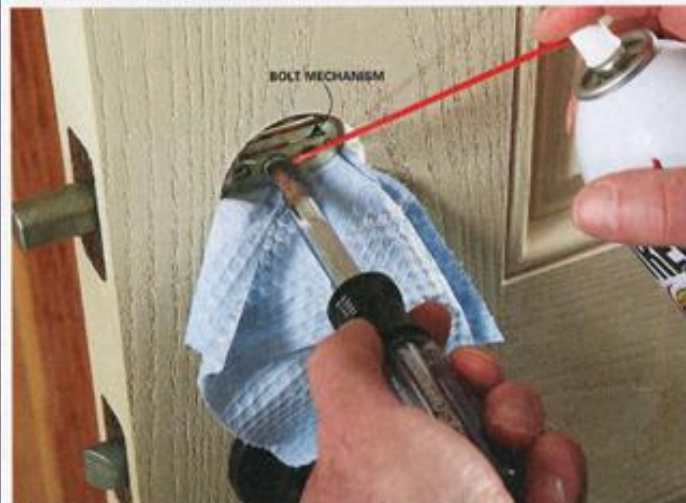
Free up a sticking dead bolt

You use your dead bolt every day without giving a thought to maintenance. But one of these days, it's going to fight back and refuse to open. Don't panic; it's just crying for a few shots of lube. You can get it working again with dry Teflon lube spray. It's a better choice than graphite because it sprays on wet to soak into the lock mechanism. The solvent evaporates, leaving behind a dry, slippery powder. Start by lubing the lock cylinder (Photo 1). If that doesn't free it, you'll need to lube the bolt mechanism (Photo 2).



1 SHOOT THE KEYWAY

Leave the lock cylinder on the door and spray inside the keyway. Then insert your key and twist it several times to work in the lube.



2 SHOOT THE BOLT

Remove the two screws that hold the lock cylinder and pull it from the door. Then saturate the bolt mechanism with the spray lube and twist it back and forth with a flat-blade screwdriver. Reinstall the lock cylinder and you're good to go.

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