

# **The Sad, Sad Life of an Elderly Doorhandle**

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I am probably the most underappreciated and abused thing in the history of everything. It could be worse. But not much. I COULD have been a tin can or maybe a laundry basket! But both of these things get more love than me. You see me every day and you DON'T EVEN KNOW IT. I get NO appreciation in life! No one ever looks at me and goes "Wow that sure looks shiny today, I'm sure glad that it is always there for me when I need to lock to world out and take a dump. I'm going to be more gentle on this poor doorknob" NO ONE DOES THAT. They all say "wow thanks!" to the rusty old faucet for giving them nasty lukewarm tap water (they SHOULD be thanking the pipes, they do all the hard work) everyone says "GEE what would I do without YOU trusty toilet friend?" to the porcelain toilet with a chipped tank. But not a single person in the history of the ENTIRE EXISTENCE OF THE UNIVERSE has stopped and said "Wow Doorhandle, I sure do appreciate how you never squeak!, No matter how hard I grip you, no matter how many children hang on you, no matter how many YEARS GO BY you have always remained just as good as new" Newsflash people! I HAVE STAYED ON HERE for SO LONG, never a clean, never a thankful look! Always RUSH in RUSH out! You need to better appreciate me! Teenagers! Have I ever let your bossy parents in when you needed to lock them out? NO. Babies! Have I ever let you down when you accidentally hit that lock button! NO! You have gotten to do SO many crazy things like SQUEEZE an ENTIRE tube of toothpaste out because I have never prevailed and your "Mama" couldn't get in. ADULTS! When you are going through a rough time and need to get away from life's problems have I ever let them in? Once you click my lock has anything ever snuck through the cracks? NOT ONCE. I do my job THOROUGHLY and with PRIDE without a single thankful word! And I will continue to do that until you throw me away because that's just the kind of doorknob that I am. But please! For my sanity! Wash me once in a while! Admire my stainless steel gleam and expert craftsmanship! I may have come with the house but I am not a simple machine! I deserve MORE!

Thank You!

The Bathroom Doorknob