Access Control vs Traditional Locks: Retailer Checklist

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Decide what your store actually needs

1. **Count exterior doors and keyholders**
   More doors and more staff push you toward access control.
2. **Flag your critical doors**
   Usually the front entrance and the stockroom or cash office.
3. **Check your staff turnover**
   Frequent hiring and quitting makes instant card revoke valuable.
4. **Decide if you need an entry log**
   Access control records who opened which door and when.
5. **Plan for power outages**
   Keep at least one reliable mechanical override on a critical door.
6. **Price only the doors that matter**
   You rarely need to wire every door in the shop.

Typical Toronto costs (2026)

Access control install, per door	$1,000 to $3,000
Commercial lock rekey, per lock	$80 to $200
Master key system setup	$300 to $1,500
High-security keyed deadbolt	$180 to $450

Weighing access control against new locks in Toronto? Book a walkthrough at torontotoplocksmith.ca/contact

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