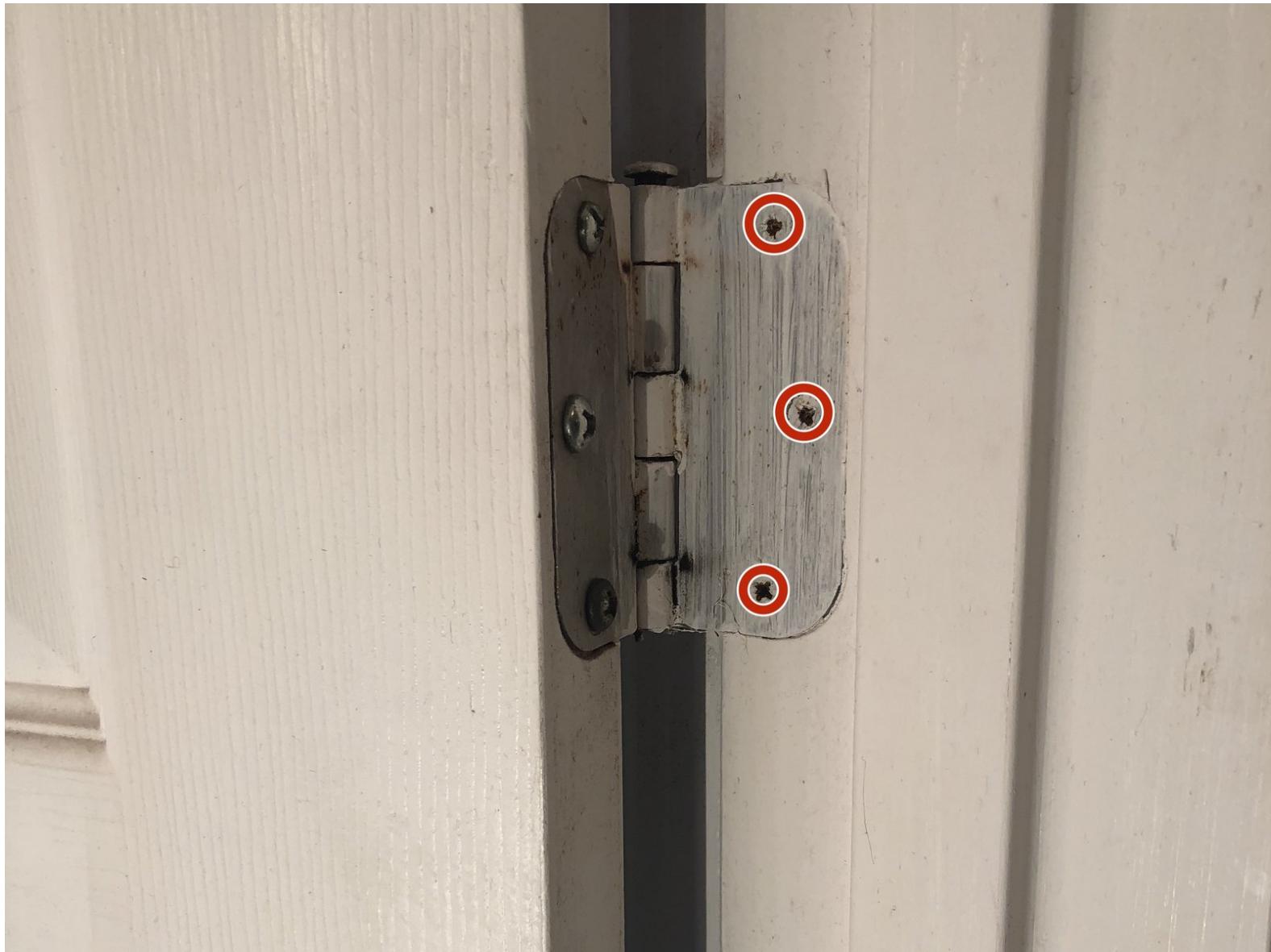




# How to fix a Bathroom Door that Will Not Latch

This guide will show you how to fix the latch of a door that does not close properly.

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## INTRODUCTION

Doors are everywhere and provide privacy in a variety of places. If your door doesn't function properly, it is useless. This guide will provide you with easy steps that can be done on your own, in a short time to get your door into tip-top shape. There will be certain steps that may not work the first time around but do not panic, just simply start the step over again. Before starting anything I recommend that you have all the tools needed ready and that you have read the steps at least once. After successfully completing this guide you will have had the privacy of your bathroom restored.

### TOOLS:

- [Chisel](#) (1)  
Wood
- [Cordless Drill](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Hammer](#) (1)

### PARTS:

- [Toothpick](#) (10)
- [Pencil](#) (1)

## Step 1 — How to fix a Bathroom Door that Will Not Latch



- Check for any screws that may have become loose over time in your door hinges.

## Step 2



- If you found any loose screws on the door hinge, use your screwdriver to tighten them.

*(i)* To make this easier, you can slightly lift your door while screwing the screws.

## Step 3



- Examine the faceplate, checking for any loose screws like you did with your door hinges.

## Step 4



- Use your screwdriver to tighten any loose screws found on the face plate.

## Step 5



- This is your strike plate. Take a look to see if it has shifted, and in what direction it shifted.
- In the photo provided you can tell my plate has shifted downwards.

## Step 6



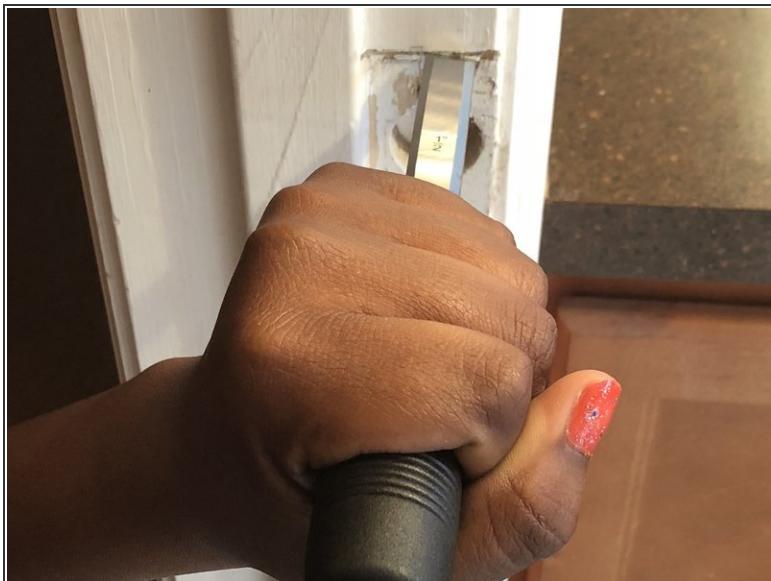
⚠ Use an electric power drill to remove the screws from your strike plate.

## Step 7



- Make a line on the wall where you will be moving your strike plate. Use something that you will be able to remove, such as a pencil.

## Step 8



**⚠** Using the wood chisel, chisel out the wood above the line to make space for the new placement of the strike plate.

**ⓘ** An easy way to do this is to tap the end of the chisel with a hammer.

## Step 9



- Take as many toothpicks you will need to fill up the holes that were created for the previous screw holes, and dip them into the Elmer's glue.

## Step 10



- Place the toothpicks into the openings. By doing this, you are preventing your new screws from falling back into the old spot causing the door to be re-positioned again.

ⓘ Let the toothpicks sit for about 10 minutes

## Step 11



- Place the strike plate in its new position.

## Step 12



⚠️ Using an electric drill, screw your strike plate into the wall.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.