



Knox Box Program-OFC 506.1

Knox-Box Fire Department Emergency Access to your business or residence

One obstacle firefighter's and paramedic's face daily is gaining access to buildings, residences and dwellings to investigate reports of fires and medical emergencies. When we arrive, the time it takes to access a building may be critical to a victim's survival. In order to access buildings quickly, minimize damage from forcing a door or window and protect firefighters from injury, the Knox Box Program was adopted by the Jackson Township Fire Department.

Per the Ohio Fire Code, Section 506.1. Where access to or within a structure or area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.

Reasons to Install a Knox-Box Unlocking System

- Eliminates needless, costly forced entry damage that may not be covered by your insurance deductible.
- Assure immediate building entry by firefighters without delay of waiting for building keys.
- Reduce liability for lost keys.
- Protect inventory, equipment and supplies from unnecessary water damage caused by delayed sprinkler shut-off.
- Satisfy local fire codes and emergency access ordinances.
- Save time and aggravation by not having to drive to your building at odd hours.
- Feel secure about emergency coverage when your building is left unattended.
- The fire department holds the only key to the Knox-Box at your location.
- Maintain building security after a fire alarm investigation by simply re-locking the undamaged door.
- Protect your property from thousands of dollars in damage with this one-time relatively low cost investment.
- Depend on the highest lock box security technology available with attack resistant, UL tested reliability.
- Over the past 25 years, Knox-Box has been the chosen solution in 7,500 communities nationwide communities just like ours!



WHAT IS A KNOX BOX SYSTEM?

It's a high-security key box system, designed to give firefighters and emergency services immediate access to locked buildings, elevators, and other secured areas. Knox Boxes are a steel weather proof box with a reinforced locking mechanism which is mounted on the exterior of the building in discreet location. The boxes will then contain important keys to make entry into the building if the fire department is called to that location.

The boxes are UL listed against physical attack and the Medeco security lock is patented and UL listed against entry attempts such as drill, pick or pull resistance. The master key to open the box is carried in an electronically secured similar box on all Jackson Township fire apparatus. The key cannot be reproduced and access to the key can only be gained by an electronic radio transmission from Grove City Police/Fire Dispatch Communications Center or traceable pin number.

WHY INSTALL A KNOX BOX?

Installation of a Knox Box on your property will not only allow firefighters faster access in case of an emergency, but will also prevent expensive forcible entry should emergency services be required while the premises are unoccupied. Costly front doors and entry ways need not be harmed if entry keys are available on-site.

HOW IS A KNOX BOX INSTALLED?

Each Knox Box is shipped with complete mounting instructions; however, the Jackson Township Fire Department will assist you in choosing a proper location for mounting. It is highly recommended that Knox Boxes are mounted no higher than 5 feet from the ground and near the main entrance. After installation is completed, contact the Jackson Township Fire Department- Fire Prevention Bureau at (614) 875-5588 to conduct an inspection of the installation and lock building keys inside the box. As soon as building keys are locked inside the box, it is ready to provide immediate access to emergency personnel 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

HOW DOES THE KNOX BOX SYSTEM WORK?

Following your purchase of a Knox Box from the factory, you will mount it securely on the exterior of your building (attractive recessed-mount models are available). All necessary access keys will be locked inside by a representative of the fire department (only the fire department's master key can open this box. The Knox Box gives the fire department a simple alternative to expensive, time-consuming forcible entry. The generous interior capacity allows you to store everything emergency personnel may require- keys, floor plans, electronic entry cards, emergency contact names and numbers, and more - in complete security until needed.

EXAMPLE:

After business hours your building alarm system transmits a signal to your alarm monitoring company, who in-turn contact the Grove City Emergency Dispatch Center. The Fire Department is immediately dispatched to the alarm location. The Jackson Township Fire Department arrives a short time later and conducts an initial size-up of your location. Officers on the scene determine that an entry is warranted. If a Knox-Box system is in place at your business or home a signal is transmitted to a box mounted in the fire apparatus and it releases a key that opens the Knox Box at your location. The key inside your Knox Box is used to unlock your protected location. A brief interior inspection is conducted and if no problems are found, the Firefighters simply lock up the building when leaving and return the entry key to the Knox-Box. However, a representative from your organization may need to come to the location if the fire alarm will not re-set to normal status.

HOW SECURE IS A KNOX BOX SYSTEM?

Security has always been a Knox strong point. Designed for maximum protection, each virtually indestructible box features a special high-security Medeco lock and key. This Medeco restricted locking system guards against unauthorized key duplication. Keys aren't even available to locksmiths or lock distributors - only The Knox Company can supply these keys! Our system offers maximum security at every step.

IMPORTANT

The Knox Box shall be installed as required by the Jackson Township Fire Department. The location of the Knox box shall be approved by the fire code official prior to installation. The Knox Box shall be installed 5' feet from the ground unless otherwise approved by the fire department. The Knox Box shall not be blocked from plain view by any obstructions (Landscaping, Etc.).

PURCHASING

To purchase any of the Knox Company products for your business you may contact the Knox Company at: www.knoxbox.com , Knox Company 1601 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027. 1(800) 552-5669.

The customer service representative must be told the key switch or padlock being ordered is for use in Jackson Township Fire Department Grove City, Ohio 43123 Jurisdiction: (system code # PS-37-0095-02-88).

If you have any other questions, please contact the Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau Monday-Friday 8am-4pm at (614) 875-5588.