

Keep Track of Your Keys Number them Consecutively

When you have more than one copy of a key, each of the keys should be numbered consecutively. This allows you to keep track of how many keys are issued and who has which key.

By individualizing your keys you can make sure you get the right keys back when your employees leave employment. This also helps if a key is found and has not been reported lost. Individualizing also discourages employees from "sharing" keys.

In any case, when a key is found you know who is responsible and can take appropriate action.



Are Locks and Keys As We Know Them Going to Become a Thing of the Past?

As technology moves forward at an ever-increasing pace, keys are becoming more and more obsolete. Technologies that were once only science fiction are being sold to businesses and home owners alike.

Touchpads are Everywhere

Digital locks that use a keypad like a touch tone telephone are available for almost every application. Locks are also being operated with magnetic stripe cards. Stay in some hotels and you will have a safe in your room that reads the data on the back of your credit card or ATM. It doesn't use the card to charge you it uses the data to verify your identity when you come back to access the safe. Many of us



Key cabinets don't even need keys anymore. (It uses a digital touchpad combination lock!)

have small transmitters that allow us to unlock the doors on our cars without a key. Now you can get a handleset for the front door of your home that uses the same type of transmitter to provide keyless access.

Change is a Constant

Locks will never go away. Security has been important since prehistoric times and will continue to be so for a long time. Keys however, are changing. As technology advances, locksmiths must provide products that allow their customers to easily gain access while maintaining a

secure environment. Bottom line, you'll always need keys, we just can't guarantee what they will look like!

"Quotable Quotes"

"Happiness isn't something you experience, it's something you remember."

—Oscar Levant

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"To the intelligent man or woman, life appears infinitely mysterious. But the stupid have an answer to every question."

—Edward Abbey

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"I always turn to the sports page first, which record people's accomplishments. The front page has nothing but man's failures."

—Chief Justice Earl Warren