

Emergency Key (E-Key) System

(Chapter 9 of Title 9, Santa Clarita Municipal Code)

The Emergency Key ordinance was enacted to provide access to exterior gates and doors of multi-unit residential communities and other specific locations to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department when responding to emergency calls for service.

Key access will eliminate forced entries into structures or gated communities. The E-Key system expedites access during an emergency that will avoid costly damage and time consuming efforts to gain access.

Important facts relating to this ordinance:

- The E-Key access system means "Knox Box" approved items, including "Knox Padlocks", "3500 series switch systems", and "3200 series box systems."
- All costs for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the Emergency Key system shall be carried by the Responsible Party
- The following structures and communities shall be equipped with a key lock box or key access switch at or near the main entrance or other location required by the Fire and Sheriff's department respectively:
 - a. Commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic suppression system or such structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency.
 - b. Multi-family residential structures and multi-family gated communities that have restricted access through locked gates and have a common corridor or corridors for access to the residences.
 - c. Gated communities w/ single family residential structures, multi-family residential structures or both single family and multi-family residential structures with restricted access through locked gates.
 - d. Governmental structures and nursing care facilities.

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- This ordinance addresses both New and Existing structures and Communities. All newly constructed structures and communities subject to this section shall have the Emergency Key System (E-Key) installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. All structures and communities in existence prior to October 1, 2008 and subject to this section shall have (1) ONE year from the effective date to have an Emergency Key System installed and operational.
- The Chief of Police (Santa Clarita LASD Captain) and Fire Chief (LACFD Chief) shall designate the type of key lock systems that provide for both fire and law enforcement use. The E-Key systems are designated as (2) TWO separate key systems and require the installation of two separate lock boxes or keyed access panels at the location to provide emergency access.
- There are penalties for responsible parties who do not comply with this public safety requirement. A Responsible Party is defined as anyone who owns, manages or operates a structure or community, including the Board of Directors for a Homeowner's Association.
 - a. Violations of this ordinance are a Misdemeanor.
 - b. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

How do I learn more about the Emergency Key (E-Key) Entry System?

For more information, contact the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station

Sheriff's Business Alliance
23740 Magic Mountain Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
www.SCVSheriff.com
(661) 255-1121

or

LA County Fire Prevention
23757 Valencia Blvd.
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(661) 286-8821

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EMERGENCY ACCESS

CAN PUBLIC SAFETY REACH YOU DURING AN EMERGENCY?



CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE

*Working together with the Community
to keep Santa Clarita Safe*



Public Safety Emergency Access Protects Lives and Property

The City of Santa Clarita, the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department are working together to provide the best in emergency services to our community. Through the E-Key System, using Knox products (www.KnoxBox.com), our emergency personnel will have access through a high-security, restricted key system.

Seconds count in an emergency. Although gates and secure doors help deter unwanted guests, they also prevent responders from reaching you during medical and other life emergencies. With improved access, property owner or association liability is reduced. Residents receive faster emergency treatment and Sheriff's patrols are more visible for crime prevention.

It is up to you...

Sheriff's and Fire personnel will always respond to a call, but it is up to you whether they wait to gain access to a property or enter immediately to provide emergency assistance.

A small investment on your part will:

- Shorten emergency response time
- Increase law enforcement visibility
- Provide immediate medical aid
- Improve patrol service due to limited access
- Enhance resident health and safety

3200 Knox-Box for Commercial Applications

This leading high security, heavy-duty key box is used for most commercial applications including businesses, schools, government and public buildings, community associations and apartment complexes. Knox-Box is UL listed against physical attack.

- Heavy duty, high security construction with capacity for up to 10 keys and access cards
- Hinged door allows single-handed operation
- 1/2" solid steel door

Dimensions: Surface 5" H x 4" W x 3-1/4" D
Recessed 7" H x 7" W Flange

3200 Series Options:

- Alarm tamper switches can be connected with facilities security system
- Multi-purpose electrical switch that can unlock electrical doors, gates and other electrical equipment that are controlled by a low voltage circuit, including Maglock type locks.
- Recessed mounting kit for new concrete or masonry construction
- Surface or recessed mount styles available



Hinged Door Recessed Mount – Sheriff and Fire shown in Dark Bronze



Hinged Door Surface Mount – Sheriff and Fire shown in Black

Knox Key Switch

3500 Series – High security key switches with dust covers

Excellent gate override for gated communities, apartment complexes, parking garages, pedestrian gates and industrial gated areas.



Dimensions: Requires 2" recessed depth x 3/4" diameter.

Switch: SPST 7A res., 4A ind., Key removable two positions

Mounting: Key Switch is designed to be recess mounted.

Faceplate and lock cover ensures weather resistant operation

Knox Padlock

Knox heavy-duty, brass bodied, exterior padlocks secure perimeter and fire access gates. These harsh-weather padlocks are equipped with a stainless steel shackle and an EPDM rubber seal and body cover.



- Heavy duty brass body, stainless steel 7/16" diameter shackle
- Protective EPDM booth with shackle seal
- Metal keyhole cover
- Medeco cylinder has a UL 437 rating not offered by most padlock manufacturers

The following vendors are authorized to order and install Knox Rapid Access Products in Santa Clarita:

Newhall-Valencia Lock and Key

27265 Camp Plenty Road,
Canyon Country, CA 91351
(661) 251-4830

www.NewhallValenciaLock.com
State License #514069

SCV Lock and Key Service

22938 Lyons Avenue
Newhall, CA 91321
(661) 259-8025

www.SCVLockandKey.net
State License #556604