

Humor Spotlight



QUESTIONABLE QUESTIONS

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If the world is getting smaller, why do postal rates keep going up?

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If people don't like tailgaters, why do they buy bumper stickers?

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Why, if the best things in life are free, are the next-best things so expensive?

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If necessity is the mother of invention, why does so much unnecessary stuff get invented?

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Why does an inspiring sight like a sunrise always take place at such an inconvenient time?

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Why do people waste so much time learning how to use a computer to be more efficient?

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LOSS PREVENTION TIPS

“What is the Best Type of Lock to Secure My Door?”

There is no “correct” answer to the question “What is the best type of lock.” As security professionals, we know that the answer depends on several factors including the door type, whether or not there is glass nearby and what is being secured.

Lock Choices

Instead of recommending a specific lock, it would be better for you to learn the advantages and disadvantages of several of the popular locking devices sold.

Security Chains

Security chains are a popular residential security device. They were designed for people who needed to crack the door to see who is on the outside. It is better to use a door viewer and keep your door locked until you are ready to open the door.

Tubular Deadbolts

This is a modern locking device which is available in either single or double keyed models. Features to look for in quality deadbolts include; hardened rings (to resist wrenching) and a full 1” throw on the bolt (to catch the door frame.)

Choose a single keyed deadbolt for solid core doors and a double keyed model for doors with glass or sidelights.

When installing a deadbolt in a wood door, always make sure you use screws long enough to reach the wall studs to attach the strike plate.

Rim Locks and Jimmy-Proof Locks

These locks offer the security of a deadbolt, but are surface mounted on the inside of the door. They can be installed either with or without a cylinder on the outside. These locks are an older technology than tubular

deadbolts and are usually only installed to replace an existing rim lock.

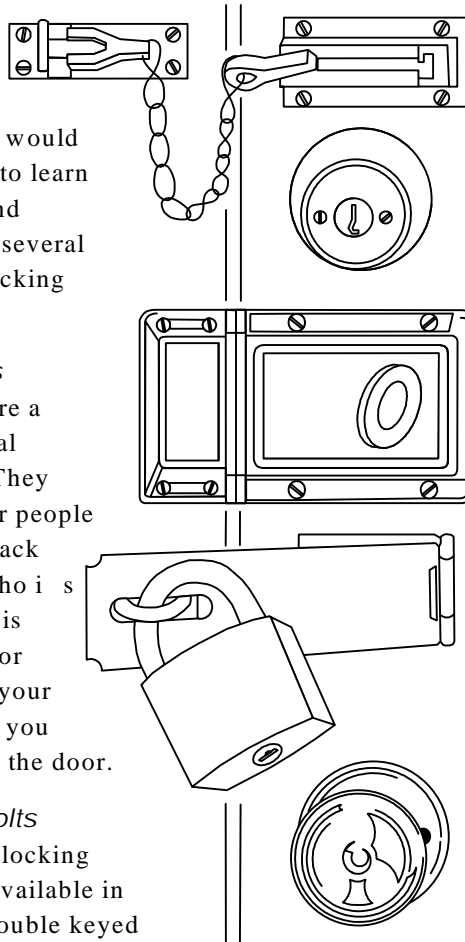
Padlock with Hasp

Padlocks are popular, but we do not recommend using them on “people” doors. In many areas this might be a violation of local fire codes. However, this is usually the best way to secure storage areas and odd applications like freezers or roof hatches that will not accept a standard lock.

Knob and Leversets

Most wood or metal doors are equipped from the factory with some sort of knob or leverset. These

devices offer a small amount of security, but should only be used as a secondary security device on exterior doors.



You don't need this many locks to secure your doors, but choosing the correct locks will give you both security and ease of entry.

What Other Locks are Available?

There are many other types of locking systems not shown here including; mortise locks, panic devices, lever sets and even electronic locks. If you would like to know more about these locks, or any of the other types of locks that are available, please feel free to call.