



Bump Keys

If you have not heard about “Bump Keys”, it’s time you became aware of this threat. While the concept of Bump Keys is not new, the wide spread knowledge of it is. In short, with a little bit of knowledge and a willingness to break the law, anyone can use a bump key to unlock nearly any lock.

Exactly what a Bump Key is and how to make or buy one is now easily available on the World Wide Web. The methodology for using the key is likewise available. If you wish to see just how easy it is, simply “Google” Bump Keys and you will find articles and videos demonstrating their ease of use. We suggest you take 5 minutes and do so. The pervasive nature of this phenomenon, and the threat it presents will become clear.

This information will then cause one to ask how to defend against the use of Bump Keys. The best answer is to change out existing lock cylinders and replace them with high security cylinders. Lock cylinders from Medeco or Primus are not susceptible to “bumping”. Usually, high security cylinders can replace standard cylinders for about \$80.00 per lockset. Only on rare occasion must the entire lockset be replaced.

In addition to protecting one against “bumping”, high security lock cylinders are also pick resistant and drill resistant. Then, most important of all, you have control of who has keys to your home or business because keys can only be duplicated with your permission, by your locksmith.

The level of investment for the potential returns is significant. We urge all of our clients to consider this threat and take action to defend themselves.