

WARNING: "Bump Keys" Give Crooks Easy Access To Your Home Or Business

Jupiter, FL – As a community service, Cypress Lock and Door is initiating a campaign to (i) make the public aware of the ease of break-ins due to the simple practice of lock bumping and (ii) provide a free evaluation of your home or business to determine your property's level of risk. Criminals bump locks by altering basic keys with a series of cuts. The specially filed key is the same size and shape as the key normally used in the target lock. This special "bump" key is inserted into the target lock and then struck with a tool made of rubber or plastic. The impact of the bump key on the tumblers inside the lock temporarily pushes them up, allowing the lock's cylinder to open. This method can open a lock quickly, with relatively little noise, and with minimal or no damage to the lock or door.

Lock bumping, a practice started by European locksmiths to service locks, has been around since the early 1900's. Now, due to the availability of information on the World Wide Web, knowledge of lock bumping is spreading rapidly.

Some of the most popular locks installed by builders and developers of condos, apartments, subdivisions, gated or retirement communities and commercial properties are susceptible to this practice. It is highly recommended that you have your locks evaluated as soon as possible. Further information on this and other security topics is available by contacting Cypress Lock and Door, 1650 Cypress Drive, Jupiter FL, 561.746.7916. Speak to Randy Sofferman, General Manager, or point your Internet browser to <http://www.cypresslock.com/>

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