



Picks and Tips From Mike-the-Locksmith



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A Quote and a Message From Mike-the-Locksmith

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis

Dear Readers:

This month, I offer you a primer on locks.
And, I announce 2 awards in 2019.
Happy reading!

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Choosing a Brand: A Primer



Here at Mike's Locksmith, we offer several brand of locks, both standard and high-security. Here's a primer to help you better understand the different types of locks on the market and which locks are the most secure.

Residential locks such as **Kwikset**, **Master Lock**, or generic hardware store branded locks can be bumped or picked with relative ease. In most situations with these systems, the less you pay, the more vulnerable you are to picking, bumping and other methods of bypass. We discourage customers from using these systems no matter what they are protecting, and encourage instead to look towards a more durable lock without the propensity for compromise.



Still a standard deadbolt, **Schlage** offers better hardware construction and greater picking resistance than **Kwikset**., **Master Lock** and generic big-box store branded locks.

Coming this year to Mike's Locksmith, Medeco lock is used in at least 60% of the US high security market. Medeco high security deadbolt is highly rated. It's anti-tampering features set it apart from other deadbolts. These locks were first designed for commercial and government use and then developed for residential use. Keys cannot be duplicated unless through an authorized locksmith and then only with owner's authorization



Currently available at Mike's Locksmith, the Schlage Primus system is a very secure system. It involves a normal pin tumbler lock plus an additional secondary locking system (sidebar) on the side of the key that involves lifting and rotating of additional pins. This system can work in concert with Schlage standard deadbolts and is most useful for securing specific rooms or areas, such as a server room, a file room, or a storage area.

Currently available at Mike's Locksmith, the Mul-t-Lock Interactive Plus is a high-security telescoping dimple design that uses 5 inner and 5 outer pin pairs, making it nearly impossible to pick or bump. Like the Medeco deadbolt, keys can be duplicated only through an authorized locksmith and only with the proper credentials.



Currently available at Mike's Locksmith, the super-high-security Mul-T-Lock MT5+ is quite amazing. The cylinder and key setup feature a mechanism with 3 specialty locking aspects. This deadbolt features the following: innovative designed telescopic pin modernized by Mul-T-Lock, a locking bar that rests inside the cylinder which has finger pins that lay horizontally, and a mobile "Alpha Spring" on the key's edge is designed to interact with a pin inside the lock cylinder. As with all Medeco and Mul-T-Lock products, key copies can be made only through an authorized dealer and only with the proper credentials. These locks offer superior key control.

Mike's Locksmith Announces 2 Awards in 2019 (so far)



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