



Picks and Tips From Mike-the-Locksmith



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A Quote and a Message From Mike-the-Locksmith

"Paths are made by walking." Franz Kafka

Dear Readers:

I'm just a phone call away and I'm happy to help, whether it's a recommendation, advice or instructions. Feel free to reach out to me.

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Why A Cheap Deadbolt Is No Bargain

Is Your Lock Really Safe?

Did you know that in the U.S a burglary occurs every 13 seconds? This alarming statistic, recently published on [Alarms.org](https://www.alarms.org) is cause for concern. Homeowners are often overlook their first line of defense for their home – the lock on their door. In most cases, it doesn't take regular [007](#) with lock-picking skills to break into a house.

In a [blog post by Front Range Locksmith](#) in Denver, CO, the 4 most popular locks in America today, the ones installed on over 90% of our doors, are examined for how well they sustain compromise attempts.

While the standard Kwikset deadbolts was comprised in all manners tested in a matter of seconds, the Schlage deadbolts were far less susceptible to compromise, though they could be bumped in a matter of seconds. Though the Schlage is less likely to be compromised, any standard lock is vulnerable to unauthorized key duplication, another way thugs can find a way into your home.

If you plan to shop for locks on your own, look for locks labeled "Grade 1" or "Grade 2." ("Grade 3" is the weakest and should be avoided, as should the label "professional grade," which is meaningless). It should be noted that though locks are often labeled similarly to those available in a locksmith shop, locks purchased at big-box stores and hardware stores are often made with plastic parts and less durable metals, a poorer construct.

We recommend high-security locks for your home. Today, there are affordable high-security locks available. What makes a lock high-security? High security locks are mechanical locks that have added features, making them 100 percent break proof. No one, including the most seasoned locksmith professional can compromise them in a reasonable amount of time. They are pick, rake and bump proof, and are made from much stronger materials. Drilling them could take hours.

High-security locks have restrictive keys, which require identification cards from the manufacturer to be presented to a locksmith in order to copy keys. Avoid unauthorized key duplication by tenants, contractors and service people, and thugs by installing locks with restricted keys, like those made by Medeco and Mul-T-Lock.

Few people know these exist, because they are not sold in most hardware stores or big-box stores. High-security locks have to be purchased from a locksmith stop or the internet, and of course, they come with a higher price tag. But, isn't your peace-of-mind worth it?

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