



CONCORD FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

Fire Prevention Bureau

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KNOX BOX PROGRAM

The Knox Box system used by the City of Concord Fire & Life Safety Department is a program designed to expedite entry and eliminate property damage caused by the forcible entry required for evaluation of an emergency situation, and allows the Fire Department to secure the building when leaving.

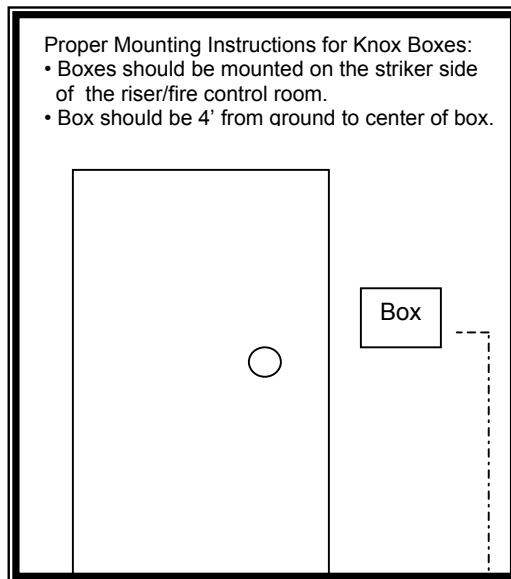
A Knox Box is a highly secure, UL listed, nearly impenetrable steel vault used for the storage of entry keys, and alarm panel or mechanical system keys, for use by the Fire Department. The keys to access the Knox Boxes are located in locked boxes inside of the emergency response apparatus and cannot be duplicated.

The Concord Fire & Life Safety Department has used the Knox Box system since 1987. To-date, there has never been a box stolen, broken or accessed illegally.

The enforcement of use of the Knox Boxes is the City of Concord Ordinance Section 34-3 (Lock Boxes). Section 506.1 of the I.F.C. reads, "When access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an accessible location. The key shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain access as required by the code official".

The determination of the code official is that all buildings, which contain automatic fire alarm systems or fire suppression sprinkler systems, shall provide a box and the required keys for access to the building. An important reason for this is the real possibility of an alarm occurring when the business is locked and vacant. The availability of a key allows firefighters to safely enter the building, without causing any damage, evaluate the conditions present and secure the premises.

Please contact the Concord Fire & Life Safety Fire Prevention office at (704) 920-5517 to purchase a Knox Box. A Fire Department authorized signature on the filled out order form will be required before Knox will process the order.



IMPORTANT

YOUR KNOX BOX SHALL BE INSTALLED AS DESIGNATED ON YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVED PLANS. IF THE LOCATION OF THE KNOX BOX IS NOT INDICATED ON THE APPROVED PLANS, HAVE THE FIRE INSPECTOR APPROVE THE LOCATION PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

THE KNOX BOX SHALL BE INSTALLED BETWEEN 4' & 5" FROM THE GROUND UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE FIRE INSPECTOR. THE KNOX BOX SHALL NOT BE BLOCKED FROM PLAIN VIEW BY ANY OBSTRUCTIONS (LANDSCAPING, ETC.).

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL THE FIRE INSPECTOR PRIOR TO INSTALLING THIS KNOX BOX!

**ONCE THE KNOX BOX IS MOUNTED AND YOU ARE REDY TO LOCK THEKEY IN, CALL CINDY @ 704-920-5517 TO REQUEST AN INSPECTOR TO COME OUT TO LOCK THE BOX.
THANK YOU!**