

Knox Box Program

Please review the supporting documents located at the bottom of this page for purchasing and installation requirements

Purpose

The Knox Box system used by the Crowley Fire Department is designed to expedite entry and eliminate property damage caused by forcible entry when required for evaluation of an emergency situation and allows the fire department to secure the building when leaving.



Materials & Use

A Knox Box is a highly secure, U.L.-Listed, nearly impenetrable steel vault used for the storage of entry keys and/or alarm panel or mechanical system keys. The Knox Box is placed for use by the fire department, and the keys to access the Knox Box, which cannot be duplicated, are in locked boxes stored in the emergency response apparatus. The Crowley Fire Department has used the Knox Box system for several years. To date, there has never been a breach of security.

506.1 Where required.

Where 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 fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.

Knox Box Installation

Each system from the Knox Company is shipped with complete mounting instructions; however, the Fire Marshal's Office can assist you in choosing the proper location for mounting. The Knox Box should be mounted 6 feet high and to the right of the front door. Once installation is

complete, contact the Fire Marshal's Office to conduct an inspection and secure the Knox Box. Once that is completed, the Knox Box is ready to provide immediate access to emergency personnel 24 hours a day, 365 a year.

Installing a Knox Box

Please contact the Crowley Fire Department office at 817-297-1638, ext. 5020 to obtain an order form for Knox Box products. An authorized signature from a fire department official is required on the completed order form before Knox will process the order.

Requirements

- Your Knox Box must be installed as designated on your fire department-approved plans.
 - The fire inspector must approve the location of the Knox Box prior to installation.
 - The Knox Box must be installed between 5 and 6 feet from the ground unless otherwise approved by the fire inspector.
 - The Knox Box cannot be blocked from plain view by any obstructions (landscaping, etc.).
 - **Ordering information is located under the Fire Prevention Tab (Knox Box Information)**
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Requesting an Inspection

Once the Knox Box is mounted and ready for use, please contact the City Permits Department at 817-297-2201, ext. 3000 to request an inspection.

Supporting Documents

How to Purchase Knox-Box Equipment 661.04 KB
Knox-Box Requirements 659.33 KB