

Knox-Box Information



In the course of responding to a fire or medical emergency, the Fire Department in many cases faces barriers to entering buildings or spaces within buildings so that they are able to address the subject of the call. In those circumstances in which lock boxes are not available, the Fire Department must break through barriers. Breaking through barriers for the purpose of performing its duties in many cases results in property damage in addition to damage caused by the emergency. It is the policy of the City of Oshkosh to protect property and minimize damage to buildings and structures experiencing fire emergencies or other distress. It is the public policy of the City of Oshkosh to therefore require that lock boxes with keys be available to assist the Fire Department with its statutory duties and to minimize damage to property.

What is a Knox-Box?

The Knox Box is a secure emergency access program developed for property owners and first responders. The Knox Box Rapid Entry System allows firefighters and paramedics immediate entry into buildings and property without forced entry damage or delay.

Who is required to install a Knox Box?

Every newly constructed building, except one and two-unit family dwellings, and any existing building without a lock box but is subject to any addition to the building, except one and two-unit family dwellings.

How do I obtain a Knox Box?

Building owners and property managers can now purchase key box products and receive fire department approval for orders online at <http://www.knoxbox.com/>.

*****Be sure to indicate that you are within the jurisdiction of the City of Oshkosh Fire Department.*****

Where should the Knox Box be installed?

Once obtained, the key boxes shall be installed at or near the main entrance to the building at a height of not less than four feet and not to exceed six feet. To have your buildings keys secured in the box, to change keys, or for additional questions please feel free to contact *Deputy Fire Marshal Jack Clark*.

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