



Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety



FIRE PREVENTION UNIT

KEY BOX -KNOX BOX/LOCK/SWITCH REQUIREMENTS-

Requirements:

506.1 California Fire Code – 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.

Sunnyvale Standard:

- Knox brand key boxes, locks, switches - order directly from www.knoxbox.com
- Any new building that is constructed with a fire sprinkler system.
- Any existing building that adds a fire sprinkler system as a result of a T.I. or addition.
- Any existing building with a fire sprinkler system that undergoes a significant T.I.
- Any existing building that adds a fire alarm system.
- 'H' occupancies will generally require a Knox vault instead of box.
- R-1s – If no main front entrance – Place outside the sprinkler riser room
- Gates securing fire access roads – Knox padlock or switch.

Sunnyvale Exceptions:

- a. Smaller Group R-2 occupancies except hotels and motels.
- b. Group R-3 occupancies

Mounting Instructions:

- Mount between 4' and 5' above finished grade.
- As approved by the Fire Protection Engineer, generally within view of the front door (allowed inside of an exterior column that faces the door.)
- After installation, contact Sunnyvale Fire Prevention at (408) 730-7212 to arrange installation of appropriately labeled keys and replace the locking cover.

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