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Dear Victoria,

It is that time of year to reflect on what you are thankful for. In our case, we are thankful to you our customers. The outpouring of support at our October Customer Appreciation event was overwhelming and reinforced why we started Flam's Lock & Key. Thank you.

Protecting What You Most Value,

Victoria & Jack Flam

Celebrating 60 Years - Thank You

Our team wants to thank everyone who came to our Customer Appreciation event, sent us well wishes and our event sponsors. Thank you for making it a wonderful day of celebration. Looking forward to another 60 years.

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Securing Overlooked Areas of Vulnerability in Retirement Communities

HIPAA requires health providers to carefully protect patient records and to provide proof of that protection through access to audit records. In most health care facilities, accountability of medications and other pharmaceuticals is especially critical. Knowing exactly who has access to inventory and when is vital to preventing theft. With eCylinder, an audit log is available for all who access, or attempt to access, filing storage areas, and additional protection is provided through access scheduling.



The Chiropractic Pain Clinic in West Palm Beach needed to know which employees were accessing their drug dispensers at specific times during the day, in addition to creating a schedule for each person. A wired system was not possible for their cabinets so Logic was the ideal solution.

With Medeco eCylinder the clinic was able to reduce liability and maintain integrity of patient data and pharmaceuticals by controlling and monitoring access to secured doors and cabinets. eCylinder solutions can be installed on the door or on applications inside the room, such as file cabinets and desk drawers with no wiring. With an easy-to-retrofit eCylinder solution, you are complying with Joint Commission and industry guidelines by auditing access to controlled substances.



Contact us today for a free security assessment to help you determine which eCylinder solution is right for your facility.

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Product Spotlight

Medeco Maxum Deadbolts



This month's product spotlight revolves around one of many deadbolts we carry. A deadbolt is a locking mechanism distinct from a spring bolt lock (lever handle) because a deadbolt **cannot** be moved to the open position except by rotating the lock cylinder. The more common spring bolt lock uses a spring to hold the bolt in place, allowing retraction by applying force to the bolt itself. A deadbolt therefore makes a door more resistant to entry without the correct key.

Where applicable, a deadbolt is a great first line of defense when protecting your assets because deadbolts are about strength. One the highest rated deadbolts on the market is Medeco's Maxum deadbolt. When you hold a Medeco ANSI Grade 1 Maxumdeadbolt in your hand, you know this is one tough hunk of protection.

As tough as a Maxum deadbolt is on the outside, it's that smart on the inside. It can be ordered with the triple-locking security of a Medeco3 cylinder. Recommended for residential and business use, it's available as a single- or double-cylinder or with a unique "captive thumbturn."

The "captive thumbturn" converts the inside cylinder to a thumbturn for safe exit when the facility is occupied. A quick conversion when the facility is not occupied returns it to double cylinder mode and guards against unauthorized entry or exit.

Maxum deadbolts offer maximum protection with solid-brass construction, along with anti-drilling and anti-prying features. Stop by today to and let us find the right deadbolt for your application.

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Providing Optimal Safety for Schools



There are several schools of thought about which locking solutions provide the optimal level of safety and security for a school. Since each school and opening has different needs, understanding the benefits and challenges of each solution is crucial. One such solution designed to provide school administrators with peace of mind is provided by Corbin Russwin. Corbin Russwin includes a full line of certified Grade 1 classroom security functions in their mortise and cylinder locks. Contact us today to learn more about these and other school security products.

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Ask The Security Expert



Is Your Locksmith Safe?

No one ever accused me of not being straight forward and this blog topic is no exception. At Flam's Lock and Key your security is our business and the locksmith you choose is your first step in protection, but do you know if the person coming to your home or business has a criminal past or is a registered sex offender?

Recently we found out that a local, established locksmith company has employed a registered sex offender for over 12 years. It was only after his own daughter was a victim that he found out.

How do you know if the company you trust does background checks before they hire?

How do you know if they follow the law and require each employee to apply for and obtain their consumer affairs license which requires finger printing?

How many of you ask if their locksmith is licensed and simply believe their verbal answer without asking them to email or fax copies?

As your local security consultant, I want you to be educated on what to ask for when a locksmith comes to your home or business. Any ethical locksmith is proud of their credentials and will proudly show them to you.

If you only care about what appears to be the cheapest price, we ask you to think again. The 12 year employee was let go after the incident. He now owns his own company but operates without a license. Why? Because he relies on your naivety and unwillingness to ask for ID.

In our industry there are required credentials you can ask to see. So ask, then shop smart.

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Observing Thanksgiving Holiday Offices Closed



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Flam's Lock & Key will be closed on Thursday, November 28. We will reopen on Friday, November 29. Wishing you a happy holiday!

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Open Position - Security Technican

We currently have an open position for a full time security technician. If you are interested, please contact us at info@flamslockandkey.com.



Scope: Position requires the installation, repairing, and servicing of mechanical or electronic locking devices using both hand tools and special equipment. The employee must apply the principles and practices of the locksmith trade to a variety of locks.

Resolution of problems encountered in the malfunctions of locks and hardware is an essential part of the work. Employee must be able to make precise adjustments to parts of lock; work to close tolerances; follow detailed written or oral instruction; and modify instructions to fit the situation. In addition, the security technician must be able diagnose operational problems in locks; repair or replace worn tumblers, springs, etc.; follow specification for installation of complex systems; cut keys; re-combine locks; and secure locks by installing holding hardware. Pay based upon experience.

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