

Nightmares in Key Management

Part III

In late 1999, a public school system in Missouri needed to upgrade their key management program. They needed a simple and cost effective way to manage their new keys issued and a database to track key holders. With over 400 employees, key administration was a huge headache. After researching many options, they decided on a key management program offered by InstaKey.

The InstaKey Security System has patent restricted key blanks that provide a non-duplication solution and allows you to re-key lock cylinders with the turn of a key. It also uses an Internet accessible key control software program that tracks all keying information for you.

By utilizing this program, they have been able to nearly eliminate costly Grand Master and Master level re-keys. In fact, they have had only one re-key in over four years. The system enables them to track each key to the assigned key holder for the course of the school year, and conduct internal investigations on who has access to which rooms.

This type of information proved invaluable in a recent investigation of a theft of school property. Within minutes, the key administrator was able to receive a list of who had access to the room, the cost to re-key, and which doors and personnel would be affected.

The screenshot shows the InstaKey web application interface in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The address bar displays the URL: <http://192.168.2.33/Main.cfm?CFID=279138&CFTOKEN=66639834>. The navigation menu includes: Users, Locations, Keys, Orders, Reports, Systems, Databases. The main content area shows a table for 'Choate' with columns: DHI, Doors Accessed, # of Cylinders. Below this is a larger table with columns: DHI, Serial Number, Key Assigned to, Status, Step/Type.

DHI	Doors Accessed	# of Cylinders
AA5	Classroom 1716	1

DHI	Serial Number	Key Assigned to:	Status	Step/Type
A	F1	Jennifer McCord	Issued	C1
A	F2	Jennifer McCord	Issued	1
A	F3	Sam Downing	Issued	1
A	F4	Steve Gould	Issued	1
A	F5	Erin Anderson	Issued	1
A	F6	Katherine Dickinson	Issued	1
A	F7	Alice Chang	Issued	1
A	F8	D'mitri Pullozi	Issued	1
AA5	F102	Tanya Jackson	Deactivated	1
AA5	F103	Allison Casey	Deactivated	1
AA5	F100322	Jennifer McCord	Mailer	2, S
AA5	F100323	Jennifer McCord	Mailer	2

The InstaKey Security System allows you to re-key up to 12 times without re-pinning or removing lock hardware. It makes key management simple by reducing costs, increasing security, and saving time. For more information contact Cita Berthelsen at 303-761-9999 ext: 125, email at cbertelsen@instakey.com, or visit us on the web at www.instakey.com.