WHICH KEY SYSTEM IS RIGHT FOR YOUR HOUSING AUTHORITY?

Compare features, benefits, and long-term key control needs.

FEATURES THAT MATTER MOST	InstaKey Security Systems	Landlord Locks	Kwikset
REKEY TECHNOLOGY	✅ User-rekeyable in seconds; no separate tool or lock removal/replacement	✅ Interchangeable core; replacement or rekeyed core required	✅ SmartKey rekey technology; tool available at local hardware stores
MASTER KEY SYSTEMS	✅ Customized simple or complex master and grand master systems for single or multiple sites	✅ Basic master key systems available	➖ Basic master keying on select products; SmartKey cylinders are not conventionally master-keyable
RESTRICTED KEYWAYS	✅ Yes — proprietary restricted keyways	❌ No — "Do Not Duplicate"; keys can still be copied	❌ No — for standard SmartKey products
SERIALIZED KEYS	✅ Yes — every key is **UNIQUELY** serialized	➖ Stamped with key code/type	❌ No individual key serialization in standard residential products
KEY TRACKING SOFTWARE	✅ Yes — SecurityRecords cloud-based tracking platform	❌ No integrated key tracking platform	❌ No integrated key tracking platform
SCALES ACROSS MULTIPLE PROPERTIES	✅ Customized systems designed for multi-property growth	✅ Multiple properties supported; customer self-managed	❌ Basic residential setup; manual administration as portfolio grows
INITIAL INVESTMENT	**$$$** Higher upfront investment	**$$** Moderate upfront investment	**$** Lower upfront investment
COMMERCIAL-GRADE HARDWARE	✅ Yes	✅ Yes	➖ Limited commercial product lines
IC CORES	✅ Yes	✅ Yes (iCore/SFIC options)	❌ Not typical for SmartKey products
SUPPORT	✅ Program design, rollout, training, and ongoing commercial support	➖ Product support; customer-managed implementation	➖ Product support through dealers/retailers
BEST FOR	✅ Public and regional housing authorities; multi-site organizations	✅ Smaller housing authorities, landlords, and apartment owners	✅ Homes, duplexes, and small rentals
LONG-TERM VALUE	✅ Potential savings through faster rekeying, less replacement hardware, and centralized accountability	➖ Ongoing replacement/rekeyed core purchases and core storage/management	➖ Low initial costs; ongoing administration and rekeying costs vary by property