



# Borough of Pottstown

## Fire Department

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### What is a Knox Box and how do I get one?

- A Knox Box is a secure key safe that mounts on the wall of a building. The only keys available to open the box are in the possession of the fire department. When there is a fire alarm activation or a fire, the firefighters can access the key box and use the building keys to enter the building rather than breaking into the building. This is particularly beneficial for incidents involving water flows or automatic alarms where there may not be an actual fire.
- To obtain a Knox Box contact the Knox Company directly at [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com) or (866) 625-4563. Choose the size and style of box that best suits your needs.  
<https://www.knoxbox.com>

#### **2012 International Fire Code requires Key Boxes.**

##### **SECTION 506 – Key Boxes**

- *“IFC 506.1 When required.* “Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for lifesaving of fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an accessible location. The key box shall be of an approved type listed in accordance with UL 1037, and shall contain keys to gain access as required by the fire code official.
- **How much does a Knox box cost?**  
The cost of a Knox Box is determined by the Knox Company and varies depending on what you order. Please visit the [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com) for prices.
- **What keys need to be installed in my Knox Box?**

Keys required will vary from one business to another. The list of keys for the outside doors, all inside doors which control access to shared systems such as HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning), sprinkler systems, alarms, and electric panels.

