



Lacey Fire District 3 is often asked by citizens how they can provide fire department access into their homes in the event of an emergency. Fortunately, there several options you can choose that assist the fire department prior to an emergency. At LFD3, we always strive to protect your property and to do the least amount of damage while serving you.

The examples covered in this brochure significantly reduce the likelihood of the fire department needing to doing physical damage to your home during an emergency. However, the fire department will always prioritize your health and safety over protecting your property. Since every emergency is unique, we will balance the need to protect your family's safety while protecting your home.

Option #1:

You may purchase and install a locked key box called a Knox Box (Knoxbox.com) near the front door on your home. The fire department has a universal key that can open the lock box that holds your house key. The fire department is the only agency that has access to this key. The Knox key is available on every fire department response vehicle. This key is always secured and can only be accessed by a firefighter entering their individual pass code. The Knox key would only be used during an emergency.

The Knox Box can be mounted onto an exterior wall, or you can purchase a model that can be hung over your front door. After you have mounted the lock box, contact Lacey Fire District 3 at info@laceyfire.com to request that we put your key inside and lock it with our Knox key.

The advantage of this product is that every LFD3 emergency response vehicle has a key to unlock the key box to access your house key. The downside of this product is the price (see website for current pricing). Below are some pictures to show these products:



Wall Mounted Knox



Over the Door Mount Knox

Option #2:

There is another option that is **free** for you to use. To begin, go to laceyfire.com and search for Community Connect. Clicking on the link for Community Connect will take you to a secure platform for you to share information specific to your household that you would like the fire department to know.

For example, you can share information such as how many people live in your home, where your water and power shut offs are located and if there are any pets in your home. You can also tell us how you would like for the fire department to enter your home. Here are some possible suggestions on information you might want to share on Community Connect:

One example would be sharing your garage door code on Community Connect so we can enter your house through the garage.



You could also install a combination front door lock and share the code on Community Connect.



Another option would be to buy a key box from your local hardware store and install it near your main point of entry on your house. Here are a couple examples:



Through Community Connect, you get to decide what information you would like to share with the fire department and identify the best way to enter your house in an emergency. Thank you for trusting Lacey Fire District to protect your family and home. Your effort to improve access to your home during an emergency helps us meet our mission to provide your household "Service with Excellence."