

What if I fall and can't get to the door to let the Paramedics in?

How does the fire department investigate my alarm when I am on vacation?

There is smoke coming from my neighbor's chimney and they are skiing in Colorado!

The answer to each of the above situations is not to break the door down, but to have a key box in place prior to an emergency.

A key safe is a sturdy metal box which would be mounted outside your entry and can only be opened by fire or EMS crews. The box would contain entry keys as well as keys required to operate fire alarms, emergency gates, elevators and sprinklers. The boxes are practical for both residential and commercial applications.

A key box or key safe permits the fire department to enter without causing damage. It permits the fire department to enter upon arrival instead of waiting costly minutes for a caretaker.

The fire department works with two companies marketing key safes.

### Supra S-5 Key Safe



The Supra Key Safe pictured to the left is a typical residential key box. It is keyed specifically for Chatham.

The boxes are purchased from Easton Electronics in Canton (the nearest Supra supplier). The cost is about \$58 with tax and shipping. The fire department will complete the order form with you to assure the correct box is ordered and keyed for Chatham.

The fire department can help with installation if needed or will visit after the box is mounted to secure keys inside.

The box should be mounted about 4-5 feet high next to an entry door. The box shouldn't be hidden from sight as that would slow responders. The location will be recorded at the fire dispatch.

### Knox Key Box

The Knox Company offers many styles and sizes similar to the picture on the right. Boxes can be surface mounted or recessed. Prices with shipping start at about \$150.

Purchase forms can be obtained at the fire department.



### More Questions?

**Call the fire department at 508-945-2324.**