



TEXAS LOCKSMITH LAWS

Locksmiths in Texas are licensed by the Texas Department of Public Safety, (DPS).

Licensed Locksmiths must pass a criminal background check, maintain liability insurance, receive training and demonstrate their knowledge of the laws governing their profession.

Before hiring a locksmith in Texas, always ask to see their "Pocket Card" issued by DPS. The card will have the name of the locksmith, a color photograph of the locksmith, and the card's expiration date.

If the Locksmith you hire does not produce a State of Texas DPS pocket card, you may have just given the keys to your home, business and vehicle to a known felon or sex offender.

If you knowingly hire an unlicensed locksmith you may be assessed a civil penalty to be paid to the state in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation.

Operating as a Locksmith without a license is a violation of Section 1702.338 of the Texas Occupations code. Penalties range from Class A Misdemeanors to State Jail Felonies.

"Anyone offering to service a mechanical security device for the public outside of the person's premises; or claims to act as a locksmith and is not licensed in Texas, is guilty of a violation of Sec. 1702 of the Occupations code which is a Class A misdemeanor for the first offence and a Third Degree Felony for second offense."

