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Need a locksmith? New laws require license and certification

Beginning July 1, 2010, Oregon law requires locksmiths to be certified and the business licensed through the Construction Contractors Board (CCB).

“In the past, locksmiths have self-governed by personal ethics and self-certified through professional organizations,” says Ernie Blatz, President of Pacific Locksmith Association. “We believe this law will help protect consumers from bait and switch practices and other fraudulent activities that have increased over the years.”

The new law requires anyone who services, installs, repairs, rebuilds, rekeys, repins or adjusts locks, safes, vaults, or safe deposit boxes to be certified.

There are exemptions built into the law, such as those who only cut keys at a fixed location or tow truck drivers that open a car as part of the towing company’s service. The list of exemptions can be found on the CCB website.

“The general rule of thumb,” says Gina Fox, spokesperson for the CCB, “If a business is advertising as a locksmith, the business must be licensed and have a certified locksmith doing the work.”

Consumers that need a locksmith should verify the business is properly licensed and the locksmith is certified by checking the CCB website at www.oregon.gov/ccb and clicking on “Check a Contractor’s License”.

The CCB is a state agency licensing more than 41,000 contractors. Information is also available by calling 503-378-4621.

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