

Fire Department Building Access

As per the Alberta Fire Code, any buildings with certain fire protection systems are required to provide access for Fire Department personnel to operate and control areas of a building with specific systems and features related to occupant safety and fire protection. The below provides information on what is required as per the AFC in Alberta and the steps to order your Fire Department Knox Box.

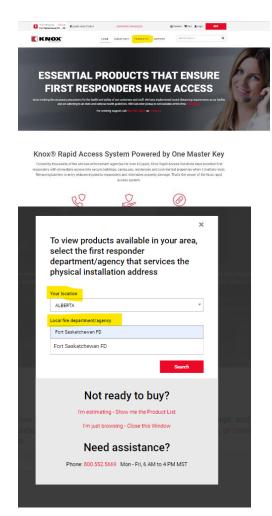
AFC 2019 Edition 2.5.1.3. Fire Department Building Access

- 1) A building that incorporates the fire protection equipment, elevator control or door access outlined in Sentence (2) shall provide a key box constructed, keyed, and located in a manner acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction containing a set or sets of keys or devices required to be used in an emergency.
- 2) A fire department key box shall be installed and provided with keys and devices in conformance with Sentence (1) in a building equipped with:
 - a) a fire alarm system whose control features, including those for emergency voice communication systems, are located behind a locked panel,
 - b) a fire alarm system in which manually operated devices require a key or device in order to be reset,
 - c) a fire alarm system in which the electrical circuit breaker is located within a locked panel or room,
 - d) an automatic sprinkler system in which the main control valve is locked in the open position,
 - e) an automatic sprinkler system in which the main control valve is located within a locked room or enclosure,
 - f) firefighting standpipe and water supply connections in a locked room or area,
 - g) a key-operated elevator control feature that will permit exclusive use of elevators by firefighting personnel only,
 - h) a key-operated elevator control feature that will switch selected elevators to operate on emergency power,
 - i) stairway doors that have been locked on the stairway side in conformance with the NBC(AE), or
 - j) locked access doors to a roof provided for firefighting purposes.

Ordering Your Knox Box

The following can be completed by anyone that has care/control of the property such as the owner, building manager, or by a locksmith. Ensure you are following any agreements or contracts that may be in place if you do not own the property.

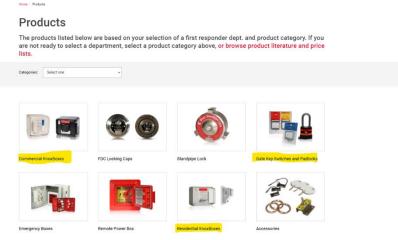
- 1. Go to Site www.knoxbox.com
- 2. Select "Products" from the menu
 - a. Your Location select "Alberta"
 - b. Local Fire Department/Agency type in "Fort Saskatchewan FD"
 - c. Proceed to the product menu
 - d. Select the required category





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3. Select the required lock based on your specific needs. The most common Knox Boxes used are the commercial, residential and padlock. Please reference the fire inspection report, if one was completed/provided, or contact the Fire Department Safety Codes Officer you have been working with.





4. Complete the below Installation Address information on the website and a Fire Department Safety Codes officer will review your request and approve your order.

5. Once your FD Knox Box arrives, have it installed on an easily accessible location by the primary access door, ensure copies of the required keys are made and contact the Fire Department Safety Codes Officer to have the applicable keys placed into the Knox Box required by the Alberta Fire Code.



If you have any question please contact the Fort Saskatchewan Fire Department at 780-998-4828 or via email at fsfd@fortsask.ca