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“Do Not Duplicate” Who are You Kidding?

When someone brings in a key stamped “Do Not Duplicate” most locksmiths will honor the stamp as best they can by requiring positive owner identification and documentation before they will duplicate the key. But, as you are aware, there are many places a dishonest employee can get a key duplicated.

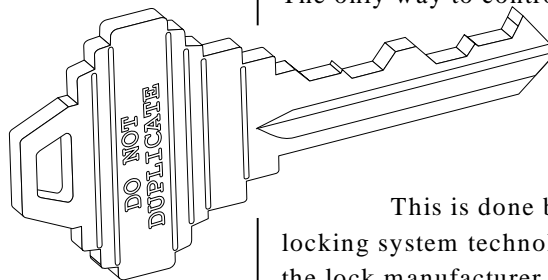
Do Not Duplicate — Yea Right!

Most keys that are stamped “Do Not Duplicate” are actually standard keys that can be readily duplicated in a variety of places. If you are relying on a

“Do Not Duplicate” stamp to provide key control, you are hiding your head in the sand. There are no laws which govern the duplication of keys, except for some Federal and sometimes State-owned facilities. So what is the average business owner to do in order to know how many keys actually exist for their business?

Patents Provide Key Control

The only way to control the duplication of keys is to control the distribution of uncut key blanks. Without blank keys that fit the lock, duplicates cannot be made.



This is done by obtaining patents on the locking system technology. The lock patents give the lock manufacturer control of the manufacture and distribution of the key blanks that fit the lock. As a lock owner, if you want control of your keys, specify a lock that features a “Patented” key system.