



### **Auto locksmith tips**

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Get a spare chip car key

A car lockout might ruin your day. You might miss important meetings or get scared if you're parked somewhere dark. Keeping a spare auto chip key with you is smart. Don't put it in the car – if you're locked out, it won't make any difference.

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Don't let car keys in the trunk

Many people leave their auto chip keys in the trunk when they get their groceries or other things out. This isn't very smart. If you forget to take your keys, you will be locked out of your car and have to wait for a locksmith or for someone to bring you a spare key.

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Keep your second car key with you

It's very convenient to have a spare transponder key with you. Hang it from your belt loops or keep it in your bag. Don't keep it in the trunk. If you get the original car keys locked in the car, you'll be locked out.

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Don't put too much force on the steering wheel

Sometimes, we put force when turning the steering wheel to lock it on purpose and other times we hold on to it to get out of the car. The steering wheel will lock and you won't be able to drive your car.

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Don't try to break-in your own car

If you are locked out of your car, avoid trying to break-in. This might cause damage to the car's locking system. Our technicians explain that the security systems of modern vehicles work with chips and cannot be bypassed. The lock opens only with your transponder key.

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Rekey the car locks

Despite their high technology, new age car door locks can be rekeyed. This is significant when the transponder key of the specific car is stolen, lost, or if you suspect it was stolen. To avoid car theft, you should have the locks rekeyed and get a new key.

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Fix car lock problems as soon as possible

Car lock problems will keep you from using the car. You might not be able to open the door or trunk. If you suspect that something is not right with your car locks, have them checked. A car lock repair might solve the problem.

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Don't turn your back on transponder key problems

Each transponder car key works with only one car. It is programmed to communicate with the security lock system of one particular car. If you suspect that it doesn't work correctly, get it fixed. It might just need to be reprogrammed or a similar repair.

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Don't leave car keys in plain sight

Most car thefts today are with stolen keys. When you're out, keep your transponder key in a safe place and never exposed to the eyes of strangers. Even if they don't steal it, they might make a mold of it and make a copy.

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Don't put pressure on the key

Never put pressure on your transponder key. It might not break easily, but the door lock might be ruined. Pay the same attention when you insert the key into the ignition. If it doesn't turn, our technicians recommend repair. If you use force, it might get damaged.

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How to deal with stuck ignition car keys

If you put the car key in the ignition and it gets stuck, try some lubricants. Spray some lubricant in the keyhole and see if the ignition car key turns. Be gentle when you jiggle it and avoid force that might break it.

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How to keep your car secure

The car is secure when the door locks are in good condition, frequently checked and immediately fixed when there are problems. Don't use bent transponder keys and don't leave auto chip keys exposed where they can be stolen. Park under street lights and never leave valuables inside.

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