Monthly Preparedness Tip: March 2022

HELP I'VE FALLEN AND CANNOT GET UP!

You've fallen and cannot get up! You manage to crawl to a phone and call 9-1-1. "I need HELP!" But, how are they going to get into your home to help you? Isn't your garage closed? Isn't your door locked? The default is that they will break your door down to get to you to help you. The fire department has the tools to do that.

There is a better answer. It is called KNOXBOX. A KnoxBox is a secure, locked steel box with the keys to your door inside. It should be mounted near your front door. The Corvallis Fire Department keeps a set of keys, specific to Corvallis, on some of the fire trucks for the KnoxBoxes so they can get in without damaging your home. Some of your neighbors already have them, and you should get one, too. Of course, the keys on the trucks are secure and monitored.

You can order one at: https://www.knoxbox.com/Products/Residential-KnoxBoxes. There is currently only one model specified for Corvallis, Model 1501, though a variety of options are available depending on how you wish to mount it. It can even be hung from your doorknob. Current price is $188 with shipping.

Reasons to Get a Knox Box:

1. May save your life. Time is usually essential.
2. Assure immediate home entry by firefighters and EMTs without delay.
3. Feel secure about emergency coverage when your home is left unattended. The fire department holds the only key to the KnoxBox.
4. Maintain building security after a fire alarm investigation by simply re-locking the undamaged door.
5. Protect your property from thousands of dollars in damage with this one-time, low-cost investment.
6. Depend on the highest lock box security available with attack resistant, UL tested reliability.
7. Over the last 40 years, KnoxBox has been the chosen solution in more than 14,000 communities nationwide – communities just like ours.

Note: This is separate from any lock box you may have or may get to let your family or trusted neighbors in. Only the Fire Department has keys to KnoxBox.