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Clam-Shell Locks

- Used to lock handle locks and doorknob locks.
- Use occupant key to lock door before installing the clam-shell.
- Fumigator keeps the clam-shell lock key.
- Does not work on deadbolt locks.

Keyway Locks

- Fumigator must use occupant key to lock door before inserting keyway lock.
- Fumigator then inserts 2-part key into key hole, and removes half of the key.
- Remaining half of key prevents insertion of occupant’s key.
- Works on deadbolt locks.
- At least 2 sets of keyway locks needed; Kwikset and Schlage.

J-Safe Lock secures door against frame

Locking double doors with U-Lock or cable/chain

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Q. What is the purpose of secondary locks?

A. The purpose of secondary locks is to prevent entry into a fumigated structure by residents or other unauthorized persons before the structure is determined to be cleared for re-occupancy by the certified applicator/licensee in charge of the fumigation.

Q. Does “secondary locking” always require the use of a second lock provided by the certified applicator in charge?

A. **No.** Secondary locking can include using an existing lock installed at the property, such as pins or bars for sliding glass doors, which prevent exterior doors from being opened by “normal means” from the outside. Automatic garage door openers should be disconnected and existing locks/latches engaged. The certified applicator/licensee will have to provide a second lock on at least one door per structure to regain entry inside the structure to open doors secured from the interior.

Q. Does the use of secondary locks by the applicator in charge remove the need for the certified applicator/licensee to have access to the property owner’s keys during the fumigation?

A. **No.** Most secondary locks are used in conjunction with existing door locks, which must be locked for the secondary locks to be effective.

Q. What types of locks are available for certified applicators to use as secondary locks and how are they used?

A. The following devices can be used as secondary locks: clam-shell locks, keyway locks, J-SAFE locks, C-clamps, U-locks, locking cables and chains, and padlocks. Examples of how some of these locks are used follows: