

DEADBOLD **DEATH TRAP**



Double Cylinder Deadbolt lock (key on both sides of the door)

I was the head of the neighborhood watch in Bennion, Utah for several years. If I do not remember anything else from my experience than this one thing that the fire department taught me it would have been worth all the time and effort I put into organizing that neighborhood watch.

TIP #1 Just don't use a double cylinder lock at all.

TIP #2 If you already have them installed then be sure that you **NEVER TAKE THE KEY OUT OF A 2 CYLINDER KEY DEADBOLT WHEN YOU ARE HOME.**

We had several instances in Salt Lake where the fire department put the house fire out and then found that the occupant of the home had expired in the door entry way **WITH THE INSIDE KEY TO THE DOUBLE CYLINDER DEAD BOLD LOCK IN THEIR HAND.** In the confusion of the fire, there in the thick black darkness of the choking smoke, **THEY HAD THE KEY,** but they could not find the hole in the lock to put it in to get out. The lock kept them safer from burglars but cost them their life. It happened more than once there in Salt Lake and I have seen it on the news a couple of times here in Seattle since we moved here.

The purpose of a 2 cylinder dead bold was intended to make it harder for thieves to steal the big items from your home if you were away. They could break out a window to get in but would have a harder time getting expensive big items like furniture out if there was a 2 cylinder deadbolt that locked the door from the inside and the outside. That is a wonderful idea for bugler prevention. **IT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA FOR FIRE SAFETY.**

Let me say it one more time..... JUST DON'T USE THEM! But if you do, then never take the key out while you are home. Otherwise you have created a death trap for you and your family.

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