HSC OP: 61.25, Electronic or Keyless Locking Systems

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Health Sciences Center Operating Policy and Procedure (HSC OP) is to establish standards and guidelines for the use and selection of electronic or keyless locking devices on facilities. This HSC OP shall apply to all TTUHSC campuses.

REVIEW: This HSC OP will be reviewed on September 1 of each even-numbered year (ENY) by the Director of Facilities Operations, coordinated with Regional Directors of Facilities Operations, with recommendations for revision forwarded to the Vice President for Facilities and Safety Services by October 15.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. General Policy.
   a. In accordance with HSC OP 61.24 (Key Control) and 61.26 (Hardware Standards), Facilities Operations (FO) is responsible for the management of all locking systems to all TTUHSC facilities. TTU Police Department (TTU PD) is responsible for programming and updating of electronic access control. Standards and programs have been established for the control and issuance of keys (e.g. access control), development of keying systems, standardization of hardware, and maintenance programs for the upkeep of these systems. Installation of systems other than those approved in the standards, or deviation from the standards may occur only with the approval of the Vice President of Facilities and Safety Services and under the guidelines set forth in this HSC OP. Keyless entry is desirable where accountability mandates additional security considerations.
   b. Requests for various types of electronic or keyless locks for campus facilities have prompted Facilities Planning, TTU PD, and Facilities Operations to analyze the available options for the selection and use of these devices. It is imperative that these devices do not replace the existing key and locking systems, but supplement with them.

      They are not intended to supplant the role of the Police in maintaining security. They may be used in isolated areas of high-security requirements or in areas where doors are normally locked, but still require high-volume traffic. All installations require review and approval by the TTUHSC Fire Marshals and appropriate design professionals (e.g. Facilities Planning) to ensure compliance with the Code requirements.
   c. Locking systems have been selected which will jointly serve departmental, security and operational requirements. Requests to install keyless entry systems will be limited to standard items manufactured to integrate and conform to existing institutional systems. All new installations must conform to guidelines established by The Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS 9102) and other appropriate regulatory requirements.

2. Requirements for Installation.
   a. Any new electronic or keyless system must co-exist with the existing keyway system. The existing keyway system will remain functional for service, housekeeping, police and emergency access.
   b. The TTUHSC Facilities and Safety Services – FO Lockshop or FO will stock spare parts or will have vendor sources available for quick delivery. The Lockshop or FO will be the only departments authorized to stock or order these items.
c. The installation and maintenance of the devices shall be on a departmental charge basis when installation will be primarily for the convenience of the department and will be a departure from the standard locking devices adopted for campus use. The Lockshop or FO will install or supervise the installation of such devices on TTUHSC facilities. Therefore, any electronic locking device installed that is not in compliance with this TTUHSC OP will be removed and confiscated by the Lockshop or FO.

d. All requests for installation of electronic locking devices will be submitted to FO department via online service request at the WebRaider Portal as a new construction/remodel request or work order system and shall be limited to those devices as specified below. Devices to be installed in new construction or renovation projects shall be selected from this group. The Director of Facilities Operations or Regional FO shall have the authority to approve/disapprove the use and installation of these devices and any proposed deviation from this HSC OP.

e. In order to maintain control and audit the security of TTUHSC facilities, the TTU PD will program or reprogram all access control. Reprogramming will be on a departmental charge basis. Repairs and modifications to these systems will be coordinated and completed by TTU PD and FO.

f. Proximity readers are the only acceptable forms of security and keyless entry devices. No touch pad devices will be considered.

g. Outside vendors will not be permitted to install, maintain or program any system without written authorization from TTU PD, or the Director of FO.

3. Systems Description. Proximity readers that provide access when a key fob or dual technology ID card is placed in the area of the device are the only acceptable device. Cost will be greatly influenced by the availability of spare programming point capacity in existing panels and the physical availability of systems to the location being considered for keyless entry. All security and keyless system expansions will utilize Software House/C-Cure Products on all TTUHSC Campuses.