

Maryland Locksmith Act Summary

- Only **employers** or independents with no employees require a license. Employees receive work authorization and a photo ID card through their employer.
- Some key requirements for obtaining a license are:
 1. A fixed, verifiable business address
 2. At least \$300,000 general liability insurance
 3. Two sets of fingerprints
 4. At least 19 years of age
 5. Conviction of a felony OR misdemeanor directly relating to fitness to be a locksmith (ie. theft) MAY but is not definitely disqualifying. This is a discretionary matter left to the Maryland Board.
- Each licensee or locksmith employee thereof shall be issued a photo ID card identifying his licensure.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years
- Job invoices must be kept at registered fixed address for 3 years from date of work performed. Invoices must be available for police inspection on request
- Repeat violators are subject to a misdemeanor and/or fine of no more than \$5,000.