

# Lock it Up

A Publication of Locking Systems International Inc

December 2009 Vol 5 No.1

## ***How does Santa get down the chimney?***



### INSIDE

Page 1	Santa
Page 2	Patent
Page 3	Stay Alive
Page 4	New Years Ball
Page 4	FLEX Padlock
Page 5	Merry Christmas
Page 6	New Years



For parents of today's smart little kids, it's a vexing problem to explain how Santa can get himself (and their toys) down the chimney.



It's a little easier to explain his flight path, but the chimney problem is a practical matter. How can he land on the roof, scramble down the chimney, stuff stockings and leave toys, all in a flash of time?

Maybe he's just a show-off. What else could you expect from a guy who can fly around the world and make his deliveries in just one night.

Some modern thinkers claim he has discovered the secrets of miniaturization. But kids find it hard to understand how he can make himself really small. Scientists at the North Pole are working on the technology so it could be easier next year.

*Continued on Page 3 Col.1*



## Locking Systems Awarded U.S. Patent

Locking Systems was recently awarded a U.S. Patent on it's Cobra Tubular Lock line. The patent covers the unique 7-sided front with matching key along with 16 additional claims.

The 7-sided sided irregular shape gives this lock additional key control and increases the security over standard tubular locks.

The Cobra7 is available in vending and cam locks, the CobraMatic7 is our 8-change lock and is available in vending and cam locks.

The Cobra7 and CobraMatic7 keys are only available from Locking Systems.



**Call: 1.800.657.LOCK (5625) • [www.lockingsystems.com](http://www.lockingsystems.com)**

"Lock it Up" is a publication of Locking Systems International Inc. of Orlando FL

**Copyright © Locking Systems International Inc  
800.657.LOCK (5625)**

*Continued from Page 1*

If there's no chimney, Santa could walk right in the front door, but then there's the problem of getting down from the roof and back up there again.

Fortunately, the rules of Christmas Eve dictate that kids have to be asleep when Santa comes. If their parents are finished putting toys together, they will be asleep too. So no one will ever know for sure how he does it.

One thing is certain, he deserves his milk and cookies. So be sure to put them out, and don't forget to leave him carrots for his reindeer. Santa and Rudolph will appreciate that.



## Stay Alive --- Don't Text and Drive

Only 2 percent of people are able to safely multitask while driving

Texting and dialing create more danger on the road than any cellphone-related activity. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, however, says using the cellphone at all is a serious safety hazard on the road.

The Senate is considering a bill that would require all states to ban texting while driving; 17 states and the District of Columbia have already passed a ban. Seven states have outlawed driver use of hand-held communication devices altogether. (A 2008 nationwide survey showed that only 63 percent of phone users say they would obey such laws.)

There is no way to know how many accidents are cellphone-related but David Strayer, a professor at the University of Utah, estimates

that only 2 percent of drivers can safely multitask while driving. They are the same people who would make good fighter pilots.

In his studies, people who were legally drunk had fewer crashes when they were sober and talking on a phone.

Some authorities believe that hands-free technology makes mobile phones safer. But talking to someone on the phone is different from talking to a passenger. The passenger helps the driver observe dangers on the road. Often in Strayer's studies, the passenger stopped or started talking according to roadway conditions.

At Johns Hopkins University, scientists have discovered that when people direct their attention to sound, the visual capacity of their brain decreases.



## The Times Square New Years Eve Ball

More than a billion people are expected to watch the New Years Eve celebration in New York's Times Square. A million will be there in person.

The famous ball that edges down to welcome the new year will be covered with thousands of LED lights and thousands of reflective crystals between them. In 2008, the ball was doubled in size. It was 12 feet wide and colorful.

The 2009 celebration actually marks 100 years of ball drops. It would be 102, but lights were interrupted with two dim-outs during World War II.

It was Dec. 31, 1907 when the first ball, made of iron and wood, dropped to the delight of a cheering crowd. It was the featured event

in the third big Times Square New Years Eve party.



In 1929, Guy Lombardo sang "Auld Lang Syne" when the ball fell. The song became a tradition and it's still sung each year and joyfully anticipated by viewers in person and on television.

In 1972, Dick Clark hosted the first "New Year's Rockin' Eve" show. After 9/11, he led the popular refrain "Happy New Year America" in 2001.

By 1978, the ball was larger and featured large lights.

The 1983 ball was covered with red to signify the Big Apple, and the 1995 version had rhinestones and strobes.

1999 brought the silver millennium ball, and 2007 was the 100th anniversary orb with red, yellow and green.


## FLEX PADLOCK™



- User Changeable Lock Cylinder
- Uses standard 7/8" cam lock
- Hardened steel padlock body
- Hardened steel shackle (1" or 2")
- User changeable shackle
- Patent pending design

Call 800.657.LOCK (5625) • [www.lockingsystems.com](http://www.lockingsystems.com)

*Wishing you and yours a*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*and a Happy New Year!*



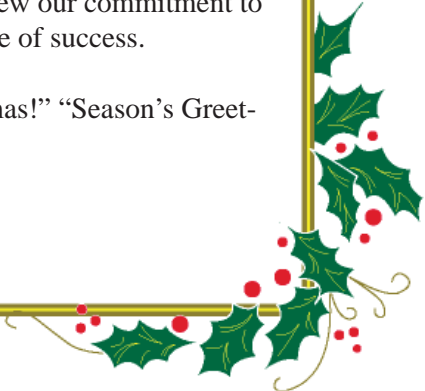
During this holiday season, we send best wishes to all our clients and customers whether you are celebrating according to your religion, family customs, or just for the magical fun of Santa and gift-giving.

The spirit of Christmas also reflects our dedication to helping those in need, to giving hope to those in despair, and to spreading peace and understanding throughout our own country and the world.

We are reminded again of the men and women in our Armed Forces. We are grateful for their work and personal sacrifices in defending freedom and keeping our homeland safe.

May the spirit of the holidays renew our commitment to harmony and working together for a future of success.

To you and yours, we say “Merry Christmas!” “Season’s Greetings!” and “Happy New Year!”





6025 Cinderlane Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32810-4754

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
MID FL FL  
PERMIT # 12243

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

