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Nuki Box: Turns intercoms into smart door locks

The retrofit access control solution allows key-free access to apartment buildings

Graz, September 2017 - With its new Nuki Box, the Austrian company Nuki is presenting a smart access control solution for apartment buildings. The box designed as a retrofit solution is installed invisibly behind the panel of the intercom system of existing door opening systems and activates the door opening mechanism from there. For residents, this means a whole new world of smart access: completely key-free access from the street to one's own apartment and remote door opening for service providers or postmen becomes thus a reality. This means no more waiting for the delivery of an important package. It also means an end to cumbersome key management for property managers: With the Nuki Box, the time and cost involved in replicating lost keys and cost-intensive trips by service providers to collect keys are finally a thing of the past.

We are all familiar with the problems associated with apartment buildings or business premises with master keys: For one thing, it is difficult to keep track of which resident has which key and, if one of these keys is lost, the loss is rarely reported and in the worst case all affected locks and keys must be replaced. But key management can be so simple: With the Nuki Box, the front door can now be opened without a physical key, even remotely. The small Nuki Box is equipped with a SIM card for data transfer and is installed by a Nuki partner behind the existing intercom without the need for expensive alterations. Doors can be opened either via an Internet connection or Bluetooth using authorised smartphones or Nuki Fobs.

Process optimisation for property managers

Nuki offers a comprehensive web interface tailored to the hardware, which makes managing and assigning access rights for residents and service providers easy. Access authorisations can be assigned simply by clicking on the delivery services, workmen or nursing services already registered on the Nuki platform. It is then reliably recorded which service provider entered the building and when. If a smartphone or Fob is lost, the corresponding access authorisation can be withdrawn without the locks having to be replaced. This means that the various service providers no longer need to make cost-intensive trips to collect keys, and in many cases the installation of the Nuki Box pays off as soon as a single trip to collect keys can be replaced by the Nuki Box.

Smart access 2.0 for residents, too

Residents are informed by the home owner or property management about the installation of the Nuki Box in the building. Each resident receives an activation code by post with which they can test the Nuki Box for one month free of charge, after which, authorisations can be purchased for 39 euros for 2 years. Residents control the box, as well as the Nuki Smart Lock, via the Nuki Apps, Nuki Web or a Nuki Fob.

Users who have installed a Nuki Smart Lock in their home can now access their home from the street entirely without a key. The new Nuki Box supports Smart Lock's well-known and popular Auto-Unlock feature, and is also compatible with Amazon Alexa, IFTTT and other smart home solutions.

Prices and availability

The new Nuki Box costs just 310 euros and includes the cost of installation and data transfers for ten years as well as five permanent access authorisations. Residents, who only install the Nuki App to use the system, are charged an all-inclusive fee of 39 euros for two years. Service providers only need to install the Nuki Partner App - no further costs are incurred. Visit <https://nuki.io/en/box/> for more information.