Reducing break-ins at a French public utility with multiple remote sites

Thanks to CLIQ™ technology, waste burglars are wasting their time

District of La Rochelle

The Communauté d'Agglomé ration or district of La Rochelle in western France covers 28 municipalities. The total population served is around 170,000.

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Background

The district operates 13 public waste reception centres, which were experiencing frequent break-ins and theft of valuable recyclable material. The sites needed a major security upgrade to meet the following requirements:

· A locking system with reliable security and access information protecting valuable materials, because much of the waste has significant resale value
· A system which prevented physical keys from being copied
· The flexibility to allow easy public access to the 13 sites during business hours, and to offer access at designated times to maintenance staff or supervisors
· Easy system administration with user-friendly software
· Efficient mobile workflow management for security staff who are sometimes based up to 25 km from sites they protect

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Solution

The Communauté d'Agglomération chose CLIQ key-based electronic access management, installing padlocks and cylinders at all 13 sites and issuing programmable keys to authorized staff.

Programmable CLIQ locks are wireless — a standard battery inside every CLIQ key powers the microelectronics — so new cylinders and padlocks can be deployed almost anywhere, including outdoors (some products are waterproof and operate in temperature extremes).

Now, security guards for the 13 sites carry a single CLIQ key programmed to open only the appropriate locks. There's no longer any need for managers to duplicate and then track multiple key copies. It's easy for security administrators to update any key's access permissions using the CLIQ Web Manager software. Should anyone lose a key, its access rights will not be revalidated. This minimizes the need of rekeying locks.

La Rochelle district administrators are so impressed, they plan to extend CLIQ access control to all municipal sites.

"The number of burglaries has been reduced in a spectacular way. We used to report damages every week. Now, we have had a single, failed, attempt on a cylinder in the last 6 months."

Hervé Begaud
Waste management – Communauté d'Agglomération, La Rochelle

ABLOY solution

· PROTEC² CLIQ
· CLIQ Web Manager
· SUPER WEATHER PROOF PADLOCK

Benefits

· Programmed keys with personalised access permission for authorized staff
· No wiring is required
· Accessible and intuitive managing locking system with CLIQ software
· Lost keys' access rights will not be revalidated

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