

Locksmith Price Anchor Playbook

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GUIDE

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WHAT THIS ASSET COVERS

- Price-anchor language for lockouts, rekeys, and after-hours surcharges
- A calm sequence for stating fees before the dispatch conversation gets messy
- Recovery language for hesitant callers who may still convert with clearer framing

USE THIS WHEN

1. Too many after-hours callers drop as soon as price comes up
2. Dispatchers are improvising pricing language instead of using one strong script
3. The business wants to sound more confident and less apologetic around premium emergency work

WORKING ASSET

This playbook helps locksmith operators anchor pricing with more confidence during urgent calls, especially after-hours lockouts.

CORE PRINCIPLE

The caller is usually stressed and mobile. Price language needs to be calm, direct, and tied to the next dispatch step.

BETTER PRICE-ANCHOR STRUCTURE

1. Confirm the lockout type and location.
2. State the dispatch fee clearly.
3. Explain what the customer is getting for that fee.
4. Move immediately into dispatch confirmation.

EXAMPLE STRUCTURE

- “For this after-hours dispatch, the emergency service fee is X.”
- “That covers immediate dispatch and the technician heading your way now.”
- “If that works for you, I’ll lock in the job and confirm the arrival path.”

MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Apologizing for the price
- Burying the fee deep in the call
- Sounding unsure
- Leaving the next step vague after the fee is stated

DEPLOYMENT NOTES

HOW STRONG TEAMS ACTUALLY USE THIS ASSET

- Assign one accountable owner instead of letting "Locksmith Price Anchor Playbook" become shared but unmanaged work.
- Use it with locksmith owners, dispatchers, and after-hours call teams in a weekly rhythm so the asset drives decisions rather than sitting in a folder.
- Decide in advance what counts as green, watch, and red performance so the team knows when to escalate.
- Capture learnings directly in the document every week so the asset becomes smarter over time instead of resetting to zero.

BEST DEPLOYMENT SEQUENCE

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WHAT SEPARATES A SERIOUS VERSION FROM A BASIC TEMPLATE

- Clear ownership for every step, not generic advice without accountability.
- Targets, thresholds, or decision rules that tell the team what good looks like.
- Specific working components: Price-anchor language for lockouts, rekeys, and after-hours surcharges, A calm sequence for stating fees before the dispatch conversation gets messy, Recovery language for hesitant callers who may still convert with clearer framing.
- A built-in review cadence so the document becomes part of operations rather than a one-time download.