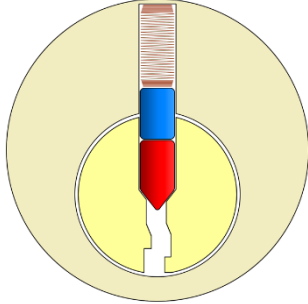
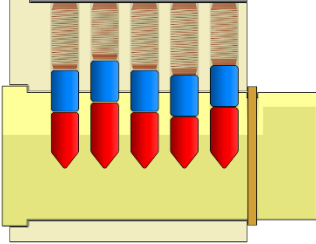
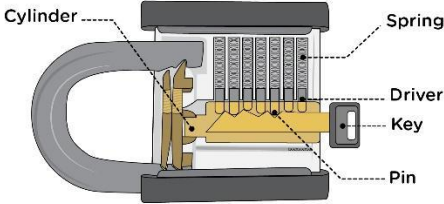
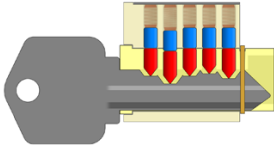
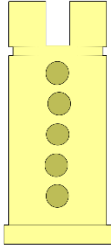
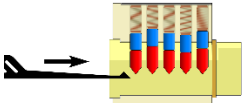
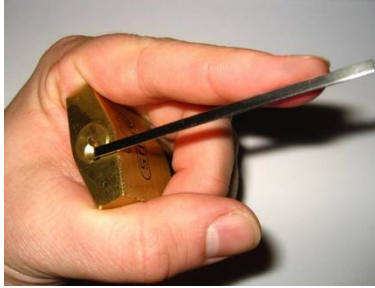


How to pick a lock

<p>Here's what a lock looks like from the front. You will see two pins (the red and the blue parts) as well as the inner "plug" which is the part of the lock that can freely rotate once the upper, blue, pins are lifted out of the way & are no longer blocking the rotation:</p>	 A circular diagram showing a cross-section of a lock cylinder. A central plug is visible, with a red pin and a blue pin inserted into it. The pins are shown in a vertical orientation, with the red pin at the bottom and the blue pin on top.
<p>And here is a "cut away" view from the side. Lockpicking involves manipulating the pins, which are red and blue in this drawing:</p>	 A side cutaway view of a lock cylinder. It shows five pins of varying heights, each with a red base and a blue top. The pins are arranged in a row, and the cylinder is shown in a yellowish color.
<p>Here's a side view within the larger scale of a lock</p>	 A side view of a lock mechanism. The cylinder is shown in a grey color. A key is inserted into the cylinder, and a driver pin is visible. A spring is also shown. Labels with dashed lines point to the Cylinder, Spring, Driver, Key, and Pin.
<p>Keys lift the pins so that the driver pins move out of the way and the plug can rotate.</p>	 A side view of a key inserted into a lock cylinder. The key is shown in a grey color, and the pins are shown in red and blue. The key is shown lifting the pins, and the driver pins are shown moving out of the way.
<p>Because of imperfections in manufacturing, the holes don't line up, and driver pins can be caught up above the shear line.</p>	 A diagram of a lock cylinder showing pins and a driver pin. The pins are shown in red and blue, and the driver pin is shown in a grey color. The driver pin is shown being caught up above the shear line.
<p>We use a lockpick to lift the pins one at a time, and a tension wrench to keep the plug from freely rotating back in place, releasing all the driver pins that we set.</p>	 A diagram showing a lockpick and a tension wrench being used on a lock cylinder. The lockpick is shown lifting a pin, and the tension wrench is shown applying pressure to the plug. The pins are shown in red and blue.

First Insert the tension wrench, which is the “L” shaped metal tool. Very gently hold the tension wrench in place so that the plug can’t rotate.



Next, insert a pick with your other hand, and push up on the pins. Try this with one of the one or two pin training locks first!
Ask us for any assistance you need!

