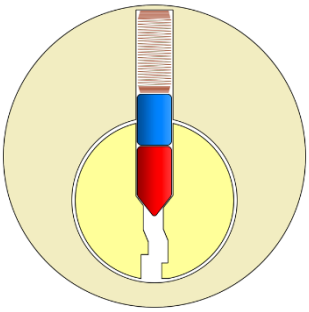
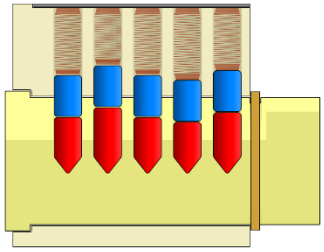
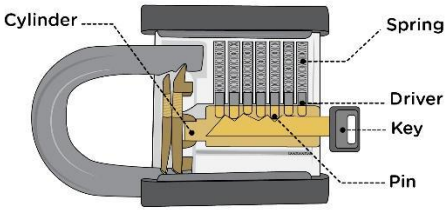
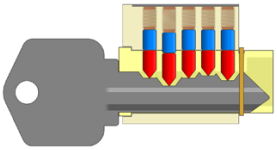
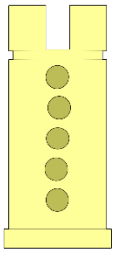
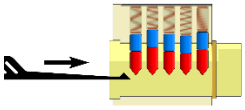
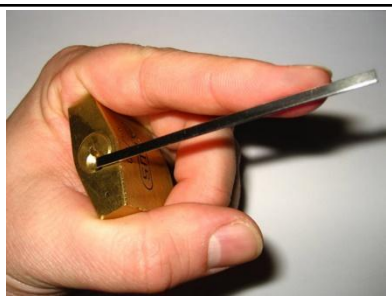
How to pick a lock

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:	
And here is a "cut away" view from the side. Lockpicking involves manipulating the pins, which are red and blue in this drawing:	
Here's a side view within the larger scale of a lock	
Keys lift the pins so that the driver pins move out of the way and the plug can rotate.	
Because of imperfections in manufacturing, the holes don't line up, and driver pins can be caught up above the shear line.	
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.	

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!	