

University of Washington Uses **ekt** to Secure and Prevent Master Key Loss

SEATTLE, Wash. — June 24, 2013 — Tether Technologies, Inc announced a collaboration with the University of Washington to use the **ekt**™ (electronic key tether) solution across its facilities management staff to prevent the loss of valuable master and sub-master keys.

The University of Washington main campus covers just over 700 acres, with 173 buildings, 29,000 undergraduates and over 6,000 students in residential housing. The campus is a city unto itself and maintaining building security is a primary goal for school administration.

To help maintain building security and to prevent the loss of valuable master keys, the University of Washington is integrating the **ekt** into its key control program for its facilities management staff.

“When Tether Technologies approached us with the **ekt**, we were excited to be part of the initial rollout and moved quickly to get the units in the hands of our staff,” said John Carroll, Southwest Maintenance Zone manager for the University of Washington. “We deployed early prototypes to a few employees and received very positive feedback for ease of use, and in at least two cases, the units performed perfectly when staff members left their keys behind. We’ve since deployed them across the maintenance zones with similar results. The **ekt** is a great tool for improving key security and accountability.”

The **ekt** is the industry’s first and only preemptive key loss solution that can prevent the loss of master keys. All other key control offerings are reactive – or “after the fact” – products that only alert managers after keys become lost or not returned on time.

The **ekt** is a two-unit system combining complex technology with a simple application. The key unit and belt unit are married by a unique RF signal generator. When the key unit becomes separated from the belt unit (worn by the user) by more than 10 to 15 steps, alarms are immediately triggered on both units. The user’s belt unit vibrates and emits a chirp alert while the key unit sounds a loud 85dB alarm and emits a bright LED warning strobe. The alarms stop only when the key unit is securely reattached to the belt unit. The triple threat alarms coupled with the 15-step radius make it impossible to inadvertently walk away from keys.

“We are very excited to partner with the University of Washington to improve their key control security,” said John Suryan, CEO, Tether Technologies. “The UW is one of the first campuses to take a proactive and preventive step at stopping master key loss. The **ekt** will not only help to improve master key security, but also provides campus facility management with peace of mind.”

Pricing and Availability

The **ekt** is available in the United States for \$245 per single unit, \$695 for a set of three, and at a reduced rate for bulk purchases*. Orders can be placed securely at stopkeyloss.com or by calling 234-206-0303. **ekts** come with a thirty day money-back guarantee and are further backed by a one-year limited warranty.

About Tether Technologies, Inc.

Founded in 2010, Tether Technologies is the leader in preemptive key loss technology that helps people and businesses maintain security while eliminating key loss events and costly repercussions. For more information, please visit www.stopkeyloss.com.

*Additional shipping and handling fees may apply.

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