

Removing Broken Key Bit From Lock Cylinder

If a portion of a key is broken and remains in the lock cylinder, the following homemade tool can greatly assist in removing the broken key bit. The idea is to find or create a tool with a hooked or barbed end that is thin and small enough to reach into the tumbler portion of the lock cylinder slot and pull the broken key bit out enough to grip it with a needle nose pliers or heavy tweezers.



The following picture shows a course tooth hacksaw blade that has been modified to be used as a key bit extraction tool. Note that all of the teeth on the narrowed section of the blade have been removed except for the very last tooth right on the end. The end of a dental pick can be modified to act in the same way.



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