

CLIQ® reduces break-ins at a French public utility with multiple remote sites

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Thanks to CLIQ technology, waste burglars are wasting their time

“The number of burglaries has been reduced in a spectacular way.”

Hervé Begaud, Communauté d'Agglomération La Rochelle



Project

Company: District of La Rochelle (www.agglo-larochelle.fr)

Type: Public utility

Location: La Rochelle, France

Devices installed: 37 CLIQ® cylinders & 10 CLIQ® padlocks, plus 2 CLIQ® programming devices

Year of installation: 2017

ASSA ABLOY brand: ABLOY

Challenge

The Communauté d'Agglomération, or district, of La Rochelle in western France covers 28 municipalities. The total population served is around 170,000.

The district operates 13 public waste reception centres which were experiencing frequent break-ins and theft of valuable recyclable material. The sites needed a major security upgrade, to meet the following requirements:

- A locking system with reliable security and a track record protecting valuable materials, because much of the waste has significant resale value
- A system which prevented physical keys from being copied then reused without authorization
- The flexibility to allow easy public access to the 13 sites during business hours, and to offer access at designated times to maintenance staff or supervisors
- Easy system administration with user-friendly software
- Efficient mobile workflow management for security staff who are sometimes based up to 25 km from sites they protect

Solution

The Communauté d'Agglomération chose CLIQ key-based electronic access control, installing padlocks and cylinders at all 13 sites and issuing programmable keys to authorized staff.

The impact on site security was instant: *“We used to report damages every week,”* says Hervé Begaud. *“Now, we have had a single, failed, attempt on a cylinder in the last 6 months.”*

Programmable CLIQ locks are wireless — a standard battery inside every CLIQ key powers the micro electronics — so new cylinders and padlocks can be deployed almost anywhere, including outdoors (they are water-proof and operate in temperature extremes).

Now, security guards for the 13 sites carry a single CLIQ key programmed to open only the appropriate locks. There's no longer any need for managers to duplicate and then track multiple key copies. It's easy for security administrators to update any key's access permissions using the CLIQ Web Manager software. Should anyone lose a key, its access rights can be deleted instantly. There's no need to replace any locks.

La Rochelle district administrators are so impressed, they plan to extend CLIQ access control to all municipal sites.