



**UNLOCKED:** Raynorshine Locksmith Lee Raynor is ready to provide advice ahead of the busiest time of the year for robbers.

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# Job opens all kinds of doors

WE TAKE it for granted; turn the key to open car doors, the front door, office door or a myriad of other doors that we confront each day.

Occasionally, the key goes missing – that is when you need a skilled craftsman, a locksmith.

Raynorshine Locksmith is one such organisation in the Ipswich area that provides a mobile service.

Lee Raynor, owner and manager of Raynorshine Locksmith, is passionate about his work and only through his personal journey discovered there is so much more to the work of a locksmith than he imagined.

"I, like most people, just thought of a locksmith cutting keys and things like that, never thought of all that they do," he said.

Mr Raynor said the industry was highly regulated and it was a requirement for a locksmith to be licensed.

"It is a security licence that means we have police checks carried out and have to meet high standards," he said.

"I get called to pick locks, open safes without drilling or another destructive entry, get people into cars and their homes," Mr Raynor said.

There is an element of the



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"thrill of the chase" according to Mr Raynor. This work calls for a great deal of skill to systematically work through a situation.

"It is very interesting work."

Mr Raynor worked for the family business in South Australia and had the opportunity to move to a hardware business in the Northern Territory.

Based in Alice Springs, he was offered an apprenticeship as a locksmith.

"I found what it was that I wanted to do."

Raynorshine Locksmith mobile service has been operating since August this year.

With Christmas coming rapidly upon us, Mr Raynor said it was a time that people should be more vigilant with their security.

"There are more break-ins that occur and of course people can see the Christmas tree and gifts there and take them. Nothing is more distressing than to have presents stolen," he said.

The advice, which you can

obtain from Mr Raynor, is to look at deadlocks on entry doors and window locks where security screens are not present.

"It is part of my licence to provide advice on how to make the premise secure and safe in the event of a fire. I will do free quotes for customers and recommend ways of helping people feel and be safe," he said.

Mr Raynor suggested people check their insurance fine-print so they comply with the requirements. "Insurance companies are cracking down on people who do not have window locks or security screens as well as deadlocked doors," he said.

"The typical call-out that either causes people to feel embarrassed or just laugh is when they are trying a key over and over and then call me. I get their key ring and it is another key," he said.

"People should keep the number in their mobile or they can call a directory service because you never know when you will need me," he said.

Raynorshine Locksmith covers from Boonah to Esk and from Laidley to Oxley and is willing to travel further if required.

Mr Raynor is available 24 hours a day, seven days on 0402 497 636 when that key goes missing.