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Schlage Survey Finds Americans are Generous in Sharing Access to Their Homes

Survey of 1,000 Respondents Underscores Vulnerabilities to Unauthorized Access

CARMEL, Ind. (October 9, 2017) – [Schlage](#)[®], a brand of Allegion that creates technologically advanced lock products to help multi- and single-family owners secure properties, today released nationwide survey results indicating the majority of Americans share house keys with people who do not live in their home. Amidst mounting security and safety concerns, the survey reveals findings that present an opportunity for multi-family property managers to implement alternative access credentials and provide residents with a better sense of security.

Released in tandem with Wakefield Research, the survey of an estimated 1,000 U.S. adults 18 and older showed **63 percent** of Americans report that at least one person who doesn't currently live with them has a key to their home. For **18 percent** of Americans, three or more people outside of those they live with have keys to their home, and nearly 1 in 10 (8 percent) admit they don't remember how many people have a key to their residence.

"It's imperative that multi-family property managers recognize the impact technology has on the safety of their buildings and residents," said Ann Matheis, marketing director at Allegion. "Implementing amenities that are controlled electronically provide a secure and effective solution for residents and offer a variety of benefits for management, such as the ease to update access as needed. We are pleased to offer Schlage's cutting-edge products, such as Schlage Control[™] Smart Locks, to protect and bring peace of mind to residents and property managers."

Several other trends identified in the survey include:

- **Covert Copies:** A full third of Americans admit they have made a copy of a key to a house or apartment they were renting without asking for permission from the property manager or landlord. Millennials are more likely to do this, as 47 percent have made a copy of a key without asking permission.
- **Easy Access:** Many Americans hide their key right outside their home. Specifically, 21 percent of Americans hide their key under a plant, 17 percent around the front door and 10 percent by the back door.
- **Parental Control:** Despite their attempts to set boundaries with their children, parents are less restrictive about granting access to their home. In fact, 24 percent of parents reported that three or more people outside of those they live with have keys to their home, compared to only 15 percent of non-parents.

Schlage Control[™] Smart Locks

To address these security concerns, the Schlage Control[™] Smart Lock series is an effective alternative to the traditional lock and key, as it limits access to only residents and eliminates the possibility of key duplications. Combining security, efficiency and style, these locks have the ability to withstand the excessive force of break in attempts and the no-cylinder design is pick

and bump proof. What's more, when residents move out of their unit, property managers do not have to replace the entire lock. Instead, they can easily program the key fob, which makes the key management process significantly easier and more cost effective in the long run.

***Survey Methodology**

This survey was conducted by Wakefield Research among 1,000 U.S. adults ages 18 and older in September 2017 using email and an online survey. Results of any sample are subject to sampling variations. For the interviews conducted in this particular study, the chances are 95 in 100 that a survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than 3.1 percentage points from the result that would be obtained if interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe represented by the sample.

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