



San Diego State University

An access control case study

San Diego State University enhances security and convenience with the HandKey II

"The HandKey® readers minimize people's ability to transfer IDs for admittance into our Center."

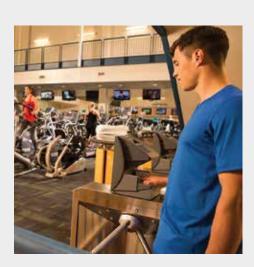
- Vicki Greene, Member Services Coordinator, San Diego State University

Summary

San Diego State University's (SDSU) Associated Students eliminates ID badges, increasing security and convenience for its members with the Schlage HandKey II biometric reader.

Business need

SDSU needed an easy, accurate way to ensure security for its members at its Aztec Recreation Center and its Aztec Center bowling & games and racquetball facilities. "ID switching is very big in the fitness club industry," said Vicki Greene, Member Services Coordinator for the Associated Students of SDSU. "The HandKeys allow us to provide better service." She explains that members no longer have to remember to bring an ID card to the recreational facilities — and that the facilities don't need to have an employee out front checking cards.



Statistics

Industry: Fitness

Application: Identity verification

Biometric: HandKey®

Users: 50,000

Geography: United States

Challenges

With an average of 3,000 entries per day – sometimes as many as 4,600 – SDSU wanted an easy and accurate way to provide access to members coming to use the recreational facilities.

Solution

SDSU Associated Students began using the HandKey II to provide easy access into the four entrances at the Aztec Recreation Center, as well as the bowling and games and racquetball facilities. To enter the center, a student simply enters his or her unique ID number on the HandKey's keypad and presents his or her hand to gain entry through the turnstile. Verification, based on ninety hand measurements that identify the unique size and shape of a person's hand, takes only a second. In addition to providing fast, secure access, says Greene, "We feel that hand geometry is the least invasive of the biometric technologies and seems simple compared to the others."

Result

SDSU provides simple, accurate security and increased convenience for its members.



SDSU Aztec Recreation Center

The Aztec Recreation Center is a 76,000 square foot facility at San Diego State University. In order to stop unauthorized people from entering the facility with borrowed badges, the HandKey II was implemented at the facility. As a result, badge-swapping has been eliminated, and students no longer need badges to enter the Recreation Center.

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