House Numbers: Should be 4” Tall

Your house number should be
NO LESS THAN 4” TALL
and a contrasting color from your house.

* Your house numbers should be visible from up to 150 feet, from all angles.
* Be sure your house numbers can be seen at night.
* Keep your house numbers clearly visible throughout the year.
* As a test, ask neighbors, friends, or service people who visit your home if they saw your house numbers easily.

Why you need house numbers

In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1, “0” for operator or your local emergency number whenever you need help:

Fire Emergencies:
~House Fires/ Smoke
~Workplace Fires
~Apartment/ High-Rise Fires
~Chimney Fires
~Wild fires
~Arson
~Burglary

Accident Emergencies:
~Vehicular Accidents
~Drowning
~Residential Disturbances
~Outdoor Electrical Emergencies
~Industrial Accidents

Medical Emergencies:
~Heart Attacks
~Strokes
~Seizures
~Child Birth
~Electrocution
~Choking
~Poisoning

Hazardous Emergencies:
~Power Line Dangers
~Gas Leaks
~Natural Disasters
~Power Outages

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House Numbers

Firefighters, emergency vehicles, and personnel may need to find your home quickly should an emergency occur.

It is difficult for emergency vehicles, utility trucks, and postal and delivery trucks to find homes and businesses whose address numbers are not properly posted.

Can we find you in an emergency?

Clearly posted house numbers can save precious time should an emergency occur. Can life saving personnel find you?

- Fire Trucks
- Emergency Vehicles

Response time is critical; seconds lost can mean the difference between life and death. *Approximately 84% of all fatal fires burn 10 or more minutes before the fire department is notified.*

Things you can do:

1. Purchase and install house numbers for your home from:
   - Hardware stores
   - Local fire department programs which sell signs for a nominal fee.

2. Have a family home fire escape plan and practice it often.

3. Have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, especially by the bedrooms.

4. Report all fires, immediately! U.S fire departments respond to over 2,000,000 fires each year.

5. Contact your local fire department for additional information for help in protecting your home.

Consult your local fire department for additional guidance.

Residences & Apartments

Post house numbers:

- Directly on your house, apartment, or garage.
- By the street or on the post or sign made of fire resistant material.
- On the mailbox or curb.
- Anywhere they can be easily seen from the road.
- That are easy to read (not cursive style)
- At least 4” high.