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## House Numbers

When is the last time you looked at your house when you pulled into your driveway or drove past on the street? Did you notice if you could easily see the address numbers of your home? Have you ever thought about asking a guest if they could see your address numbers easily?

Firefighters, emergency vehicles and personnel or perhaps the gas, electric or phone company 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.

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

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—so that doesn't even take into account their response time!

## House Numbers Life Safety Tips

- ✓ House numbers should be posted directly on your house, apartment, or garage.
- ✓ If your house is set back from the street or road, post your address numbers at the entrance to your driveway.
- ✓ If more than one home is accessed off a single driveway, all addresses should be posted on the street and at each appropriate intersection along the driveway.
- ✓ Be sure the numbers can be seen at night.
- ✓ Ensure that the numbers are at least 4 inches high.
- ✓ Keep your numbers easily visible throughout the entire year.
- ✓ Encourage family, friends and neighbors to post their house numbers, too!

### Can we find you...?

- ✓ Purchase and install house-numbers for you home from:
  - Hardware stores
  - Building supply stores
- ✓ Have a family escape plan and practice it often.
- ✓ Have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, one inside each room used for sleeping and one in the hallway outside the bedrooms.
- ✓ Report all fires immediately! U.S. fire departments respond to over 2,000,000 fires each year.
- ✓ Contact your local fire department for additional information for help in protecting your home.
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