

FACT SHEET



House Numbers – The Care and Service of your Address Sign A Guide for Home Owners, Property Owners and Renters

*Sometimes it is very difficult to find an address in a stressful emergency situation. Help make it easier on firefighters and other emergency responders to find your address. Help them to help you. **The life they save... could be yours!***



Follow these few simple steps in order to be sure your **house number** is clearly visible from the road for emergency vehicles to locate:

- **House numbers** need to be at least **three inches tall**.
- Preferably **reflective** so they can be seen at night.
- Number colors should **contrast** with the background so they can clearly be seen at all times.
- They should be **high enough** on your house to be found easily.
- **Avoid hiding** or placing them under eaves or doorways, on porchsteps or hidden behind overgrown shrubs, etc.
- Make sure address signage and lettering are **always in good repair**.



If your house is back more than 50 feet, be sure that your **house number** is also located on your mailbox or signpost near the road.



Be careful not to block the **house number** with vegetation, decorations or banners. Especially during holiday seasons such as Christmas, Easter or Halloween.



Winter weather may also block **house numbers** with snow, drifting or ice.

Safety tip: Clear the address sign, clear the walk.