

# 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

**House  
Numbers**



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**San Bernardino County  
Fire Department**

# 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.**



**Nationwide, fire departments respond to a fire every 15 seconds.**

## 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.

## Rural Addresses & Businesses

If your home or business is set back from the street or road, post your address number at the entrance of your drive way.

In situations where more than one home is accessed off a single driveway, all addresses should be posted on the street.

Be sure the numbers can be seen at night.

**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.