

House Numbers

Is Your Number Clearly Visible from the Street?



Massachusetts law requires every building to have clearly visible address numbers posted. Some cities and towns make house number signs available to residents. Inquire with your local fire department. Protect your family and property by having large, visible house numbers.

Seconds Count in an Emergency

- Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child, or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.
- Emergency personnel from a neighboring community may be unfamiliar with your area.

Numbers should be:

- 4 inches high.
- Lighted at night.
- Posted on the house and at the end of the driveway near the road, visible from both directions.

Use Large Visible Numbers

- Numbers need to be at least 4 inches tall. They must face the street.
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.



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