



Visible House Numbers Key to Emergency Response Times

In the case of an emergency, such as a medical emergency or fire, a difference in minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Firefighters are equipped with many tools to help improve arrival time. One of these tools is a detailed map of their designated area(s). However, house numbers are imperative for a quick reference. The more camouflaged and hard to find the numbers are, the longer it will take Oakland Park Fire Rescue emergency personnel to arrive at the scene. According to the [Live Safe Foundation](#), here are some of the basic requirements for house numbers:

- Must be Arabic numerals. Fancy numbers or numbers that are spelled out may be aesthetically pleasing but are very difficult to read from the street.
- Need to be a minimum of three inches high and in a contrasting color to their immediate background. Brass or bronze numbers are difficult to see.
- Must be displayed on the front of the dwelling and visible from the street.
- If the dwelling is located more than 45 feet from the front lot line, the number should be displayed on a gate post, fence, mailbox, or other appropriate place that will make it visible from all directions when approaching from the street.
- Cannot be obstructed by shrubs, trees, decorations, etc.

For more information regarding specifics of Oakland Park's requirements, you can refer to the City's Code of Ordinances (Chapter 24) in the Land Development Code section and you may also contact the Fire Marshal's office at **954-630-4544**.