

# Importance of a Standard Street Address System

A standard street address system can make all the difference when seconds matter. Properties with two addresses, often referred to as a dual address, present serious obstacles for police, fire and ambulance services responding to an emergency.

Emergency responders work to get to homes as quickly and safely as possible. Nonstandard addresses and address numbers that are hard to locate can make it difficult for them to find the location they need to get to.



In the example shown, one of the properties is using a three-digit address, while the others are using five-digit addresses. The mailboxes are also not at the access of their respective property. This makes it hard for emergency responders to determine the order the houses are in, who are trying to respond as quick as they can.



It's very important to make sure your address is in a prominent location that is visible driving from both directions of the street. The example shown is a property without its address by entry of the property, which could delay response as emergency personnel may have to slow down or stop to find the address.



This is another example of a property not having its address in a visible location. The address may be obscured by one of the pillars on the house? Either way, it could take a long time for emergency responders to find.



Posting your address number in a visible location like a mailbox in front of your house makes it easier for first responders to find your home when seconds count.



A signpost with your address posted at the front of your property in addition to posting your address on your mailbox will help emergency responders find your home.

## Helpful Tips

- Make sure your address can be seen driving from BOTH directions on your street.
- If you share a driveway, post your address at the property entrance AND on your home.
- A good test to see if your address is clearly posted is if you can see it driving by at night.