

Handout F-49

## **Premises Identification**

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The address on your building or home is a very important feature. Emergencies often occur without notice, and every second counts when lives or property are in danger. If we can't find you, we won't be able to help you when an emergency occurs.

## PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

The International Fire Code (IFC) sets forth requirements for all new and existing buildings to have approved address numbers, building numbers, or building identification with the following requirements:

- The building identification must be placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.
- The numbers shall contrast with their background.
- Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters.
- Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.
- Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

## **VISIBILITY ADDRESS**

The following provisions in the table are an approved method to meet the address visibility requirements from a public way:

| DISTANCE (Feet) | SIZE (Inches) |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 0-50 ft.        | 4 in.         |
| 51-100 ft.      | 6 in.         |
| 101-150 ft.     | 8 in.         |
| 151-200 ft.     | 10 in.        |
| Over 200 ft.    | 12 in.        |

In an Emergency,
Every Second Counts!
Place your address numbers...



Remember, we can't help you if we can't find you!