

Can Help Find You?

When someone asks - "Where do you live?" - what do you answer? If your answer is something like, "Down the road until you see the big tree across from the third driveway, turn left and then go right at the fourth mailbox", first responders might have a hard time finding you in an emergency. Having a clearly posted address so fire, police and medical responders can find you quickly is important, and may be the difference in saving a life.

Hawai'i County ordinance requires that single family residences without mailboxes have numbers placed on a post, fence, wall or some structure within the property line near the intersection of the driveway and the street so that the number is distinguishable and legible from the street. When two or more owners share a common driveway, a sign not exceeding two feet square in area and showing the range of addresses must be attached to a permanent structure or post not exceeding six feet in height. Individual houses on a shared driveway must also be numbered. Address numbers for residences must be Arabic numerals not less than three inches in height and be made of a durable and clearly visible material or paint (preferably reflective) in a color distinguishable from its background.

Don't have a street name and/or address number? Contact the Hawai'i County Planning Department, the Planning Director is authorized to assign street names and address numbers. Display your address so responders can find you, the life you save may be your own or that of a loved one.

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