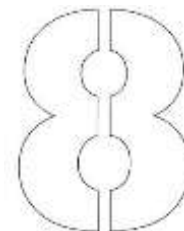




## Frequently Asked Questions #29



### IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A HOUSE NUMBER ON THE KERB?

**NO.** There is no legal requirement for kerb numbers. It is optional. It is only a legal requirement to display the correct house number (street number) on the building (house) OR fence fronting the street [- see FAQ #28 IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBER ON MY HOUSE?].

However, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** by Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby.

- The kerb is chosen to enable emergency services to look to a common place, away from the physical structure of the house, to identify an address.
- The kerb number should be located about 60cm from your driveway entrance.
- You will need the kerb number to be visible, eg a white number on a black background. Some councils dictate the height, font, colour and method of kerb numbering. Each Local Government Area has its own Policy. Please check your council's regulations.
- Rather than simply one number, Neighbourhood Watch suggests all three numbers:
  1. A number displayed on the façade or fence of the property, and
  2. In addition, a number displayed on the letterbox (optional) and
  3. In addition, a number on the kerb outside your property (optional).
- If your home is situated on a corner, the number should face the street named in your address.
- Reflective numbers are optional, although highly recommended by NHW.
- Double-check for Homeowner's Association restrictions.

#### Sample regulations [taken from Sutherland Shire Council]:

- The numbers are to be white in colour, with letter sizes Series D, AS1744, of height 100mm and painted with the aid of a precisely engineered stencil to totally preclude over-spray and under-run. No raised numbering is to be used; only painted numbering.
- The numbers are to be painted on a rectangular background of black paint, of maximum size 300mm x 130mm applied with the aid of a stencil.

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799
TTY—To ask for Police, type PPP	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1800 555 727

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- The correct numbering is to be placed only on the kerb length fronting the property, and only on the street that the number refers to, and is to indicate the house number only.

### **How To Paint Kerb Numbers:**

1. Contact the local council about restrictions. If your neighbourhood has a Homeowner's Association, double-check for any Homeowner's Association restrictions.
2. Purchase/borrow the cardboard/acrylic stencils meeting the local regulations.
3. Purchase the paint colours meeting the local regulations. Choose for the kerb numbers, a reflective paint in an appropriate colour, or choose a paint designed for use with a reflective finish spray. Choosing specially formulated reflective paints or paints with reflective finish sprays helps ensure that your kerb numbers will be maximally reflective.
4. Paint the background rectangle for your kerb numbers on your kerb in the location and size specified by any regulations.
5. When the background paint is dry, use a tape (such as masking tape) to tape the stencils over the background colour. Confirm that you have placed the stencils in the correct sequence and in the correct orientation.
6. Paint the kerb numbers on the kerb through the stencils. If you are using reflective paint, you need only make one or two applications, depending on the directions on the paint container. If you are using a reflective finish spray, first paint the kerb numbers in the appropriate colour. After the coloured paint has dried, apply the reflective finish spray.
7. When you have finished painting, remove the stencils and tape. Place a small bucket, brick, or similar obstacle directly in front of the numbers to prevent anything from coming into contact with them while they dry.

### **Notes:**

Sunlight may fade the numbering.

A kerb is also known as a curb.

You can make your kerb numbers extremely reflective at night using special, reflective paint

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799. Tips and other resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website: [au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/](http://au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/).

See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: [WatchOut.org.au](http://WatchOut.org.au).

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