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**(Bismarck, North Dakota, 2018) Be Prepared for an Emergency: Know your 9-1-1 Address**

Being prepared for an emergency should include the first step of knowing your 9-1-1 address. Time spent by responders searching for your house can make the difference between life and death in medical emergencies. The time can also affect saving or losing property in a fire, or apprehending or losing suspects involved in criminal activity. In order to cut down on response time, there are several things you can do.

First, know your 9-1-1 address. If the address is difficult to remember, post it in a common place in the house so that children can see this information too. A common place to put the address is on the refrigerator or near a landline phone. If you live in the country, know the directions to your house from the nearest town. Also, if there are rural roads that are not passable due to snow or flooding, let the dispatcher know this information.

Second, post your house number so responders can see it. If you live in a town, make sure you have house numbers that are visible from the street in front of your house. If you live in the country, post house numbers by the driveway. Many times, this can be done at minimal cost using reflective sticker lettering and numbering on your mail box.

Finally, if you need emergency assistance from the ambulance, fire department or law enforcement, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. You can also send a text message to 9-1-1 if it is unsafe to make a voice call.

Please take the time to review these safety tips and prepare yourself and your residence in case you are ever in need of emergency assistance.

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