



**Saugatuck  
Township**



# ENSURING HOME EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

In the event of a fire, medical, or any other emergency, quick and unobstructed access to your home is vital. Delays in reaching your home can hinder the response time of emergency personnel, and every moment counts in such situations.

To assist firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and other emergency responders in locating and reaching your home swiftly, please follow these guidelines to ensure a safe driveway access:

## **Install a Highly Visible Green Address Sign:**

Properly position your reflective green address sign so that it is easily discernible from both directions on the road.

*(Free signs are available for Township residents through the Saugatuck Township Fire District)*

## **Enhance Visibility of Your Home:**

Maximize the visibility of your residence from the road if possible, enabling emergency responders to assess the safety of entry.

## **Keep Your Driveway Clear:**

Ensure your driveway is free from trees, branches, or any obstructions, providing the following dimensions for emergency vehicle access:

- Single Family Driveways: Minimum 16 feet width
- 2+ Family Driveways: Minimum 20 feet width

Keep 13.5 feet of height clearance for access.

## **Maintain Driveway Sturdiness:**

Ensure that your driveway surface is stable and able to withstand the weight of emergency vehicles, even in adverse weather conditions like spring thaw or heavy rainfall.

## **Remove Potential Obstacles:**

Regularly inspect your driveway for old fence posts, overhanging branches, large debris or any other potential obstructions that could impede emergency access.

## **Create Adequate Turnaround Space:**

Establish a turnaround area at the end of your driveway, affording ample room for an emergency vehicle to maneuver upon reaching your home.

These straightforward measures can significantly reduce property damage and \_ during an emergency event. Your cooperation plays a pivotal role in safeguarding not only your home but also the well-being of your community.

