

Dearborn Heights Commission on Aging Residential Knox Box Program



WHO:

This program is available to all senior residents In Dearborn Heights, age 60 & over, and all Disabled Citizens who reside in Dearborn Heights.

WHAT:

The Knox Box is a 3x5 safe like device designed to hang from an entrance door of a home. A key to the home is kept inside the box. In case of an emergency, Dearborn Heights Fire Rescue would have “key” access to the box, thus the home. Instead of using blunt force to enter, they would use the key in the box to open the door, thus creating less damage, with quicker access to the homes of those physically challenged or disabled. This program could saves lives and offer a sense of security to our seniors or those in need.

Working with the Dearborn Heights Fire Department and the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department the Dearborn Heights Commission on Aging has made these boxes available for purchase for \$151.00 each.

The Commission also has some boxes available free of charge to senior residents and disabled residents who financially qualify. Funds for these boxes were received through the Tax Increment Finance Authority and Dearborn Heights Community Block Grant Funds. The number of these boxes is very limited so apply soon. They will be awarded by first come, first serve to those who financially qualify.

WHERE:

If you would like to purchase a Knox Box or would like to get an application to see if you financially qualify for a free box please stop by the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department at 1801 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. You can also go by the office at the Eton Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights or the office at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights to pick up an application. Applications must be submitted with supporting documentation to the Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department. Please call (313) 791-3600 for more information.

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Knox Box Eligibility Guidelines

1. The individual must be a resident of Dearborn Heights. You must show 2 pieces of I.D. including one with a picture. They include; driver's license, birth certificate and/or state I.D.
2. The Individual must be 60 years or older or disabled.
3. If the individual is disabled, a signed statement describing the disability from the attending physician must be submitted with the request form. Boxes will be given based on severity of disability.
4. Priority will be given to homebound seniors and homebound disabled persons; i.e. does not leave his/her home under normal circumstances.
5. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the financial guidelines attached to this form.
6. The Box will be given to approved applicants at no cost to them, while they reside in the house located at the address given on the eligibility form. The box will be on loan to the approved applicant. **The box must be returned to the City of Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department when it is no longer in use by the approved applicant or the approved applicant moves. It is the property of the City of Dearborn Heights. Boxes must be returned to 1801 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.**

This program is co-sponsored by:

The City of Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation Department,
The Dearborn Heights Fire Department and
The Dearborn Heights Commission on Aging