

## Contact ODOT Maintenance for Assistance

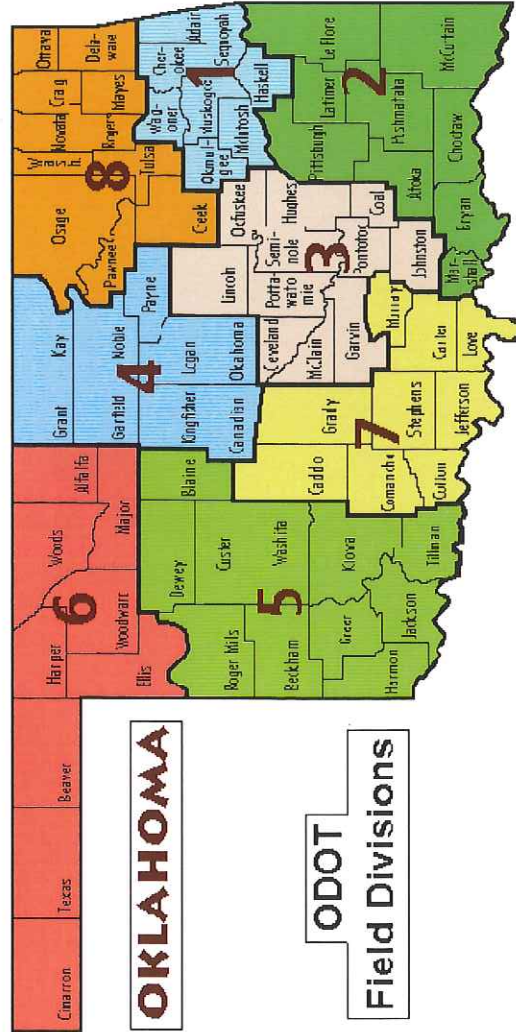
ODOT maintenance personnel can provide guidance and on-site assistance at a crash scene. ODOT's personnel are trained to safely add slack to cables by removing posts and loosening turnbuckles. If you have any questions or safety concerns regarding median cable guardrails please contact the

## ODOT Interstate/County Maintenance

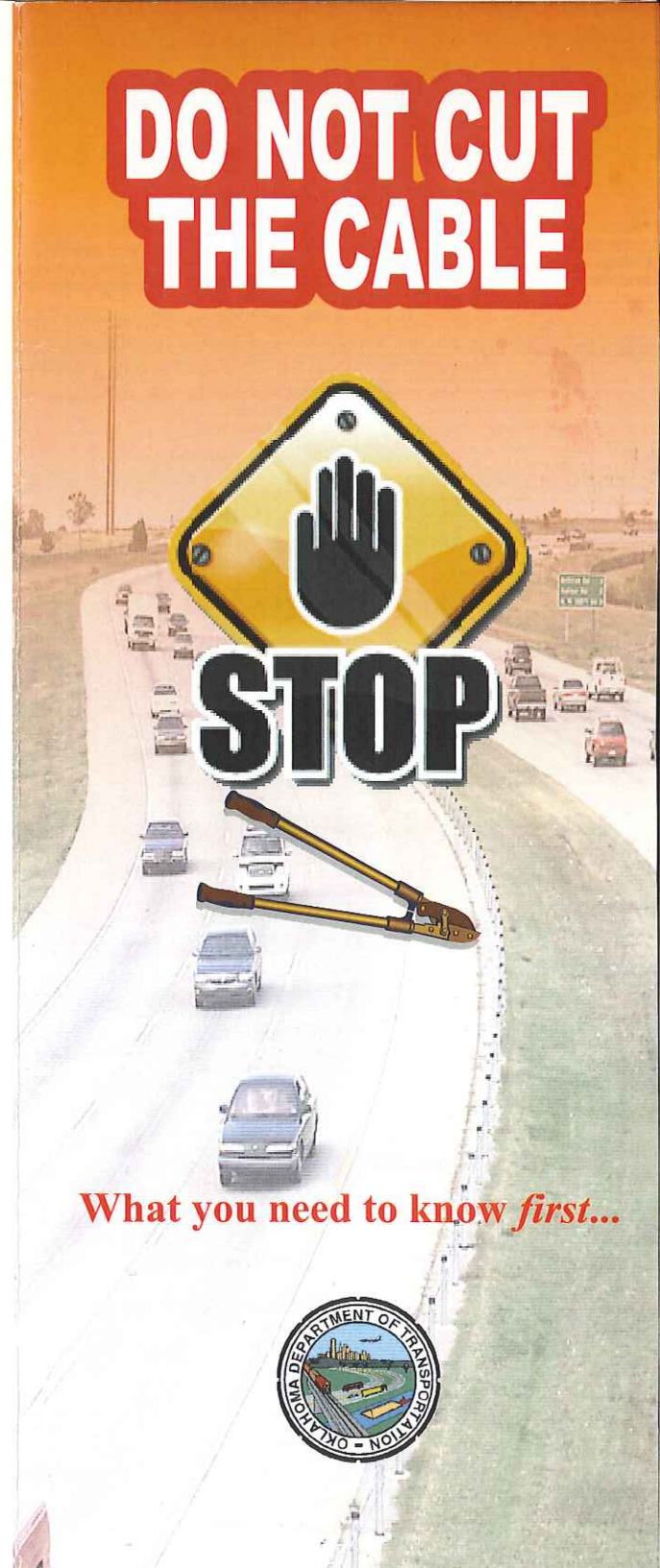
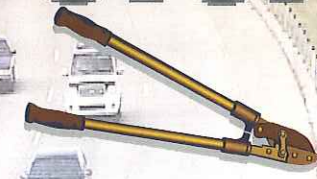
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# DO NOT CUT THE CABLE



What you need to know *first...*







## Please Don't Cut the Cable

With each passing year, traffic numbers increase on Oklahoma's Interstates and highways. This increase also brings greater likelihood of cross-over accidents. Cross-median crashes, especially on high-speed roadways, often result in serious injury and fatalities.

Cable barriers, currently being installed statewide by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, have proven successful in preventing many cross-median collisions. These cables, though not invincible, can mean life saving protection to motorists.

## Keeping the *Cable Intact*

Cutting the cable barrier after a collision may seem logical, but may not be the best solution. Remember these facts before you cut the cable:

- When cut, tension built up in the cable is released and can cause serious injury;
- **Never cut the cable** – only the turnbuckle. This will keep the cable intact;



- Tension can be released by loosening turnbuckles with a wrench;
- Cable is connected using metal turnbuckles every 1,000 feet (as shown);
- Released tension will create slack – the cable can then be moved;
- Cable is more effective when left intact – **cut only if absolutely necessary; the turnbuckle**;
- Cutting the cable will render the segment useless (or ineffective).



**Remember, cutting the cable is never an option!  
Cut the turnbuckle only when absolutely necessary.**

