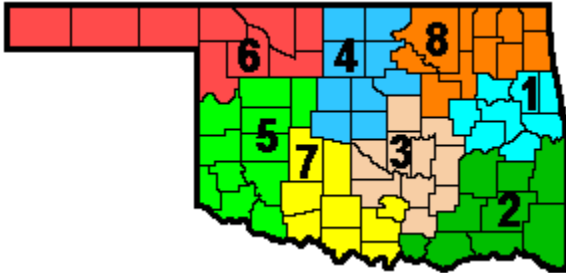


Contact ODOT Maintenance for Assistance

ODOT maintenance personnel can provide guidance and on-site assistance. If you have any questions or safety concerns regarding mailbox sizes and installation, please contact your nearest ODOT offices at:



- Area 1. (918) 687-5407
- Area 2. (580) 298-3371
- Area 3. (580) 332-1526
- Area 4. (580) 336-7340
- Area 5. (580) 323-1431
- Area 6. (580) 735-2561
- Area 7. (580) 255-7586
- Area 8. (918) 838-9933

Every year in Oklahoma, there are nearly 700 drivers and/or passengers that die on Oklahoma highways because of either lost control of vehicles, speeding, distracted or drowsy driving, or not wearing seatbelts, texting, etc.

Two-thirds of these highway fatalities are due to run-off-road and crash with trees, ditches, culverts, on-coming vehicles, and mailboxes, etc.

Yes! not only are unbreakable mailboxes illegal under the state law, they could also kill errant drivers.



Mailbox Installation and Driver Safety

www.okladot.state.ok.us



Is my mailbox legal? or is it unsafe for drivers?

Facts

Mailbox installations are typically set near the shoulder of a highway and the height is approximately that of a typical vehicle windshield. Because of safety and proximity to the highway, mailbox installations **must meet** federal codes and **state laws** for **clear zone**. A recoverable area beyond shoulder for errant vehicles that must be clear of obstructions and hazardous objects. Any hazardous objects within the clear zone must be breakaway.



References:

Oklahoma Title 69 – 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211
<http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/>

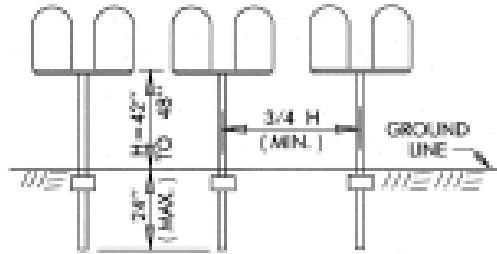
Oklahoma Department of Transportation

<http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/roadway/roadway2009/r62.pdf>

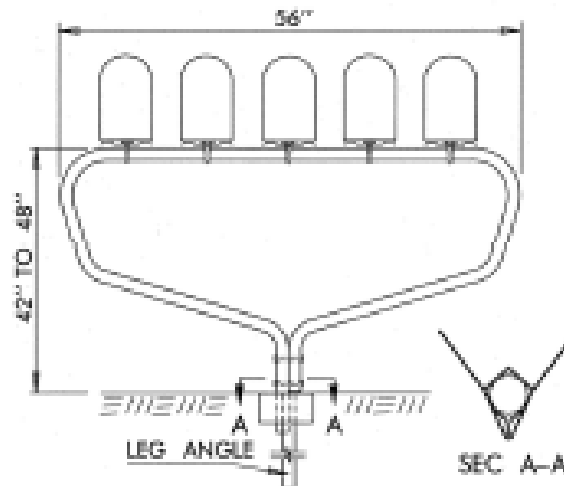
Federal Highway Administration

http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/policy_guide/road_hardware/breakaway/signsupports.cfm

Installation



POST SPACING DETAIL
MULTIPLE BOX INSTALLATION
SINGLE POST SERIES



MAILBOX INSTALLATION – MULTIPLE
(MULTIPLE BOX SUPPORT DETAILS)
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MAILBOXES = 5

Mailbox Installation Specification

Height: 42" above the driving surface (USPS)

Mounting: Attachment to the top of the post with a metal bracket that is bolted horizontally through the post. (AASHTO)

Post: 4-1/2" round wood, 4"x4" wood, 2" thin wall steel pipe or U-channel. (AASHTO)

Turnout: Minimum 8' wide paved or graveled area from the edge of the traffic way. (USPS, AASHTO, ODOT)

Unapproved Structures

Large structures such as I- beam, hand pumps, farm implements or stone/brick structures to support a mailbox along the highway pose a safety risk to the traveling public and are not permitted.

