



# Signs on WisDOT owned sign supports

Locally owned signs are not allowed on WisDOT owned sign posts. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Road name signs on top of stop sign posts at state highway intersections.
- Bird City or Tree City, Crimestoppers, or parking regulations.

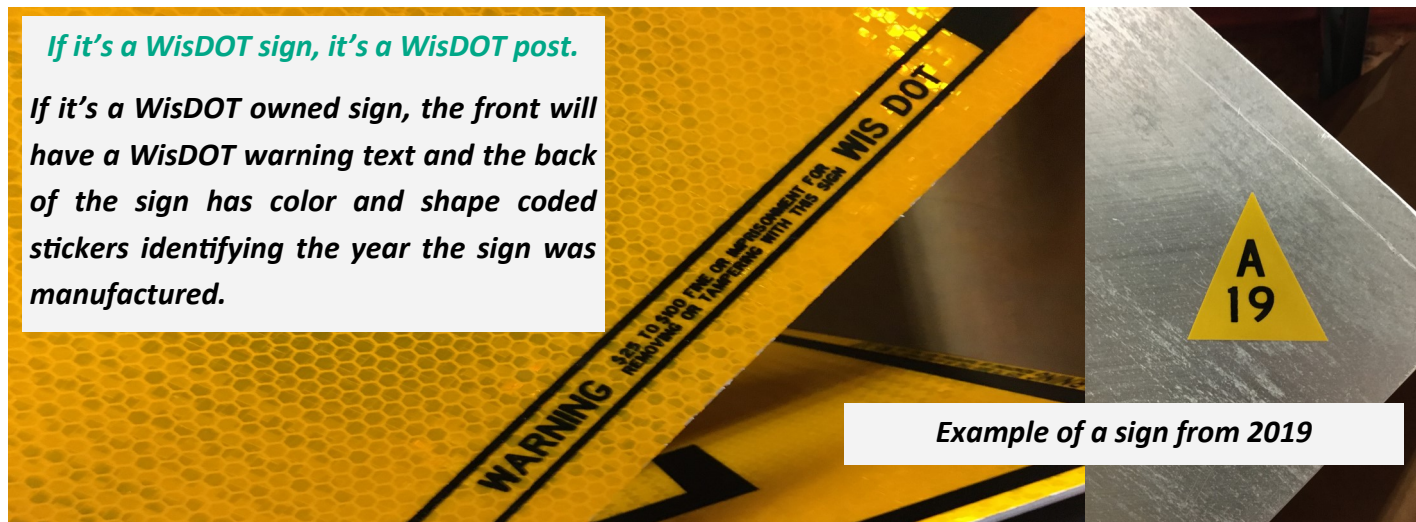


These types of local signs must be on their own sign posts to ensure optimal safety and operations on our roadways. It's important to not have additional local signs on a WisDOT owned sign post because the post and signs may react unpredictably when struck by a vehicle and cause additional damage or injury to the occupants of the vehicle. The additional signing may also cause drivers to be distracted from essential regulatory, warning or guide signs.

Local authorities are required to follow the Wisconsin Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (WMUTCD) per state statues (§ [349.065](#) and [86.19](#)). The WMUTCD provides information on the design, installation, and operation of signs including details on mounting signs on posts. This ensures signs maximize their effectiveness and provide proper visibility, placement, and stability. For more information on the WMUTCD, visit <https://wisconsindot.gov/business/engrserv/wmutcd.htm>

***If it's a WisDOT sign, it's a WisDOT post.***

***If it's a WisDOT owned sign, the front will have a WisDOT warning text and the back of the sign has color and shape coded stickers identifying the year the sign was manufactured.***



***Example of a sign from 2019***

Local signs on WisDOT owned sign posts, as well as other non-compliant signing, on the state highway system will be removed as part of regularly scheduled work that county highway departments perform on behalf of WisDOT. If a sign is removed, inquire with the county highway department to determine if it was removed as part of work, and you may be able to retrieve signs.

For further questions contact WisDOT Traffic Signing Staff

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/outdoor-adv/signing-contacts.aspx>

**Thank you for your cooperation and keeping our roads safe!**