

Eliminate vertical drop-offs greater than 2 inches and edge slopes steeper than 3:1 between adjacent lanes open to traffic. Unless otherwise noted, address hazards when they exist within 8 feet of the lane as follows:

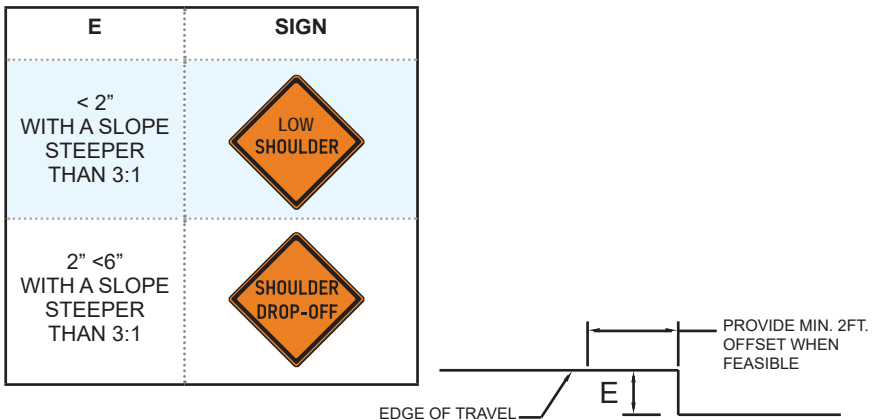
- Delineate vertical drop-offs 2 inches or greater and edge slopes steeper than 3:1 with drums, barricades, and signs, by the end of the work day.
- Eliminate vertical drop-offs 2 inches or greater and edge slopes steeper than 3:1 within 72 hours or before a weekend or holiday whichever comes first.
- Eliminate or use temporary barrier to protect vertical drop-offs 4-inches or greater after 72 hours or before a weekend or holiday whichever comes first.

If a 4-inch or greater vertical drop-off or an edge slope steeper than 3:1 exists between 8 and 15 feet of the lane, delineate that drop-off or edge slope with drums, barricades, and signs by the end of the work day.

If a 12-inch or greater vertical drop-off exists between 8 and 15 feet of a lane with a posted speed limit of 55 mph or greater, eliminate or use temporary barrier to protect that drop-off within 72 hours or before a weekend or holiday whichever comes first.

Remove construction hazards, stored materials, and equipment not in use; or delineate and shield with concrete barrier for the following:

- Posted speeds 45 mph or less: within 8 feet of the lane.
- Posted speeds from 45 mph to 55 mph inclusive: within 10 feet of the lane.
- Posted speeds above 55 mph: within 15 feet of the lane.



Drop-Off Guidelines: Figure 5