

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

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Sign Maintenance



For motorists, signs are a great tool for helping them drive safely. For the township, they are often a liability and major expense. Listed below are maintenance suggestions for consideration provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

- All traffic signs should be kept in proper position, clean, and legible at all times. Damaged signs should be replaced without delay.
- Signs poorly maintained lose their effectiveness as traffic control devices. Damaged, defaced, or dirty signs are ineffective and discredit the agency responsible for them.
- Special care should be taken to see that weeds, shrubbery, construction materials, and snow are not allowed to hide the face of any sign.
- A regular schedule of inspection should be established to ensure adequate maintenance. Semi-annual inspections generally have been sufficient.
- Night time inspections should be made to determine that all signs are functioning properly at night.

• Inspections may also be performed each day by observing the traffic signs as you or a crew member drive the township system. Sign vandalism or deficiencies should be noted and arrangements made to correct any problems.