



## WHAT IS AN OBSTRUCTION?

Anything that:

- Blocks traffic signs
- Reduces a drivers' sight distance and ability to see oncoming traffic
- Prevents pedestrians from full use of the sidewalk
- Extends into the roadway



Example of a sidewalk and street obstruction

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Sidewalks

- If you live near an intersection, keep flowers, hedges, and shrubs pruned to less than 3-feet-high (measured from the street), and trees pruned so the lowest branch is at least 10-feet off the ground. *Before you prune any tree located entirely on the public right-of-way within Boise City limits, contact Community Forestry at 208.384.4083 to learn whether you will need a no-charge permit.*
- Prune all vegetation that encroaches on the sidewalk in front of your home, so that pedestrians have a clear, safe place to walk.



Example of well-maintained vegetation

 Spring is Here...  
and so are sight obstructions!

It's the time of year when flowers, trees and shrubs are in full bloom— a pretty sight, but one that can be detrimental to the safety of motorists and pedestrians if not properly maintained.

Similar to the winter season when homeowners are asked to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice, the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) asks you to maintain any vegetation within the public right-of-way in front of and beside your home to help keep motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists safe.

State and local codes require property owners to prune, or, if necessary, remove any tree, hedge, shrub, or sight obstruction of any nature, where it causes a potential traffic hazard.



Example of a traffic sign obstruction

### Traffic Signs

- Prune vegetation in front of your home so that traffic control signs (street signs, stop signs, etc.) are clearly visible.

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Mission | Leading transportation innovation - Investing in communities Vision | We drive quality transportation for all Ada County – Anytime, Anywhere!



**Q: How do I report a sight or sidewalk obstruction?**

A: Notify ACHD of a sight obstruction when it impacts visibility at an intersection or is obstructing the view of a traffic sign. Contact ACHD's Traffic Engineering Department at 208.387.6140 to report such obstructions.

Notify the appropriate city if vegetation is growing over a sidewalk or roadway: Code Enforcement Agencies

- Ada County | 208.577.3726
- Boise City | 208.384.3845
- Meridian City | 208.846.7326
- Garden City | 208.472.2950
- Kuna City | 208.922.5274
- Eagle City | 208.939.6813
- City of Star | Contact ACHD at 208.387.6140

**Q: As a homeowner, why am I responsible for removing sidewalk encroachments within the public right-of-way?**

A: State and local codes make the property owner responsible for the removal of encroachments. ACHD maintains local roads within the six cities in Ada County, which can be a challenging task. Cooperation and help from the community is crucial to help keep our roads and sidewalks safe for all users.

**Q: How do I know what vegetation I'm responsible for maintaining?**

A: Any vegetation on your property or within the public right-of-way that is adjacent to your property, including to the front, side and rear/alley, is your responsibility as a homeowner.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on sight obstructions, visit [www.achdidaho.org](http://www.achdidaho.org).

If you have questions, please call 208.387.6140 or e-mail us at [tellus@achdidaho.org](mailto:tellus@achdidaho.org).



**SIGHT Obstructions**  
sidewalk and traffic sign safety



To arrange for a translator or other accommodation, contact ACHD at 208.387.6100. Se les recomienda a las personas que necesiten un intérprete o arreglos especiales que llamen a la coordinadora de participación pública, al 208.387.6100.

