

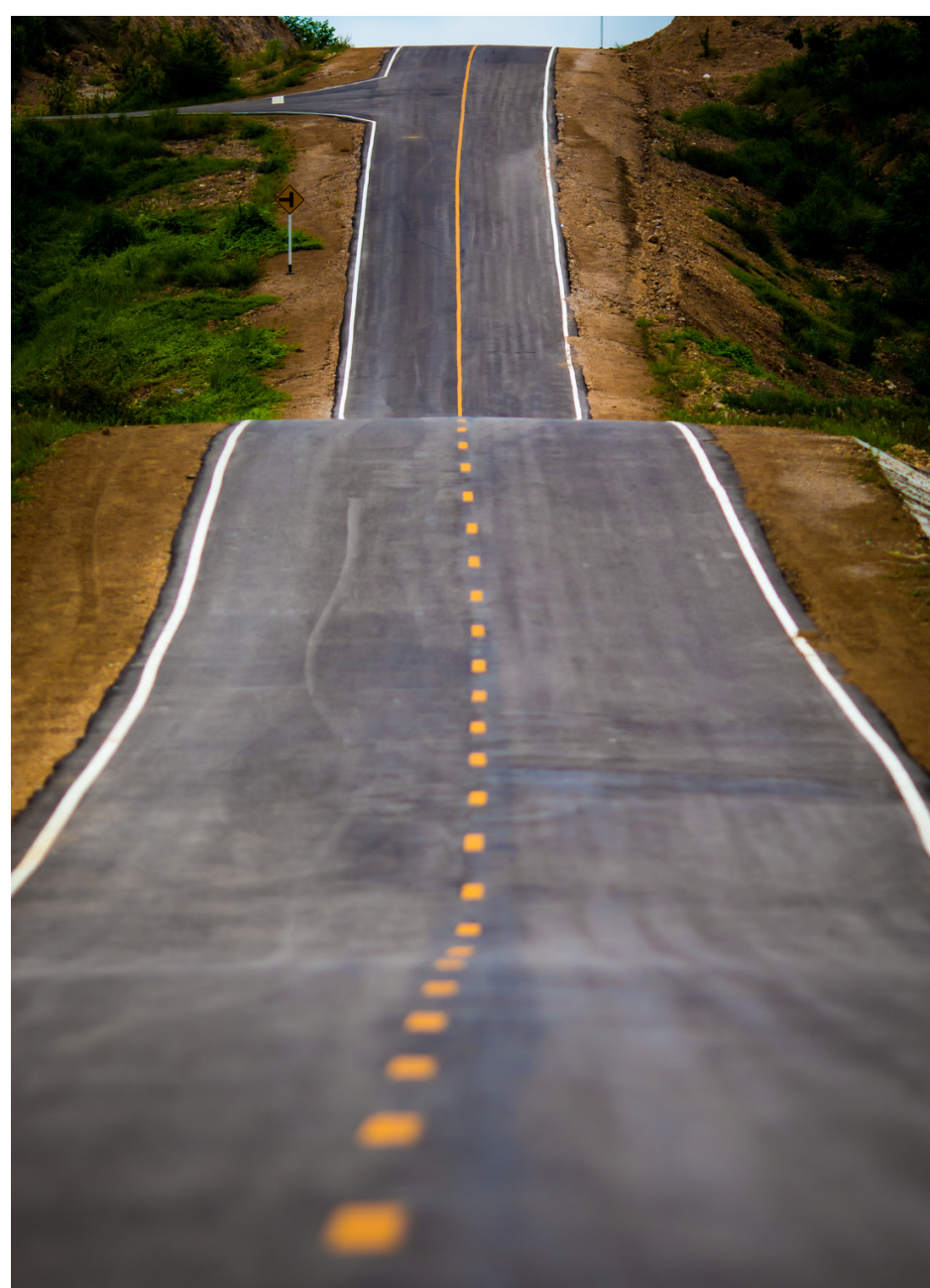
Roadside Safety Hazard Alert



From 2018 to 2021, 217 U.S. workers died after being struck by a vehicle on the side of the road, and 48% of these cases were workers in the transportation industry.¹ From 2019 to 2022, five Oregon vehicle operators died after being struck on the side of the road by another vehicle. In each of these cases, the worker had parked their vehicle unsafely on the side of the road at night or early in the morning when visibility was reduced.

¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics [2022]. Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 2018–2021.

Please observe the following safety tips:



- If possible, do not pull over on the side of the highway. Instead, look for a safe place to pull over such as a rest stop or exit the highway.
- If you must park on the shoulder of a highway, turn on your hazard lights to warn other drivers. At night, leave your headlights on.
- If you must exit your vehicle on the side of the highway, turn off the engine, remove the key, set the brakes, and turn on your hazard lights.
- Look both ways for incoming vehicles and only cross roads at designated pedestrian crossings.
- If roadside assistance is required, call for help immediately and stay in your vehicle while you wait.

Safety tips source: https://www.oregon.gov/odot/dmv/pages/online_manual/study-section_6.aspx

Fatal Stories

Case 1: A 43-year-old truck driver had stopped his truck at the side of a road. While checking his load, he was struck by a passenger vehicle, and died of blunt force trauma.

Case 2: A 63-year-old tow truck driver was retrieving a vehicle on an interstate when a semi-truck failed to move over for the tow truck, striking him and the tow truck.

Case 3: A 66-year-old semi-truck driver attempted to cross a highway on foot after stopping on the shoulder, and was struck by a passenger vehicle. The semi-truck driver died at the scene; the driver of the passenger vehicle was released after being taken to a local hospital.



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