RESPECT THE PASS!

The Siskiyou Pass, commonly called "The Siskiyous," is one of the most hazardous stretches of road along Interstate 5.

Truckers Beware

The summit is at an elevation of 4,310 feet. You'll lose about 2,300 feet of elevation in six miles at a 6 percent downgrade while maneuvering your truck through sharp curves and some of the most hazardous visibility (fog) and road surface conditions in Oregon.

More than 13,000 vehicles travel this stretch of highway daily. ***Approximately half*** of the vehicles involved in accidents on this stretch of highway were commercial trucks with trailers.

Extreme Caution Urged

Escape ramps are located ***Northbound*** at Mileposts 6.3 and 9.5

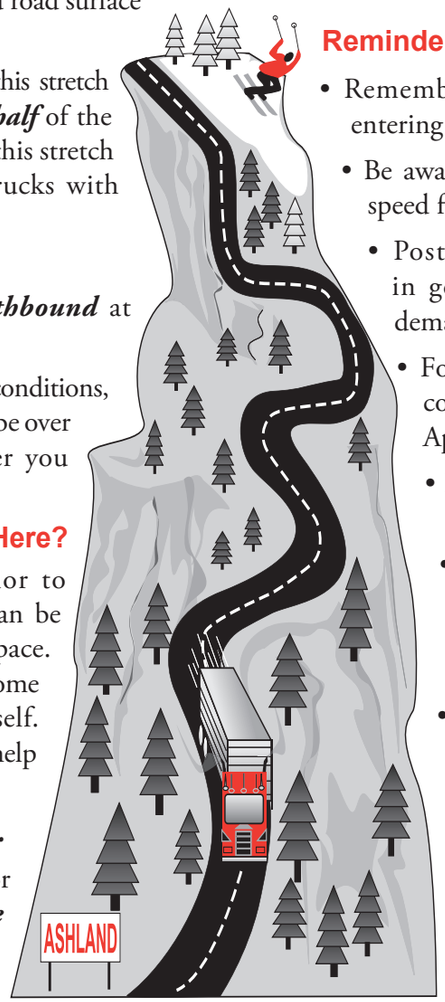
When in doubt about snow and ice conditions, chain-up your truck. It is better to be over prepared than to chain-up after you jackknife.

Why Do I Have to Chain-Up Here?

Chain-up areas are set up prior to inspection sites so that chains can be installed with ample shoulder space. Sometimes this needs to be done some distance from the snow line itself. Highway personnel are there to help you get over the pass safely.

Be cooperative. Work with them.

If you are not fully chained-up prior to the inspection site ***you will be turned around!*** When required, chains need to be installed prior to the inspection site. Inspection sites are at Milepost 1, Northbound and Milepost 11, Southbound.



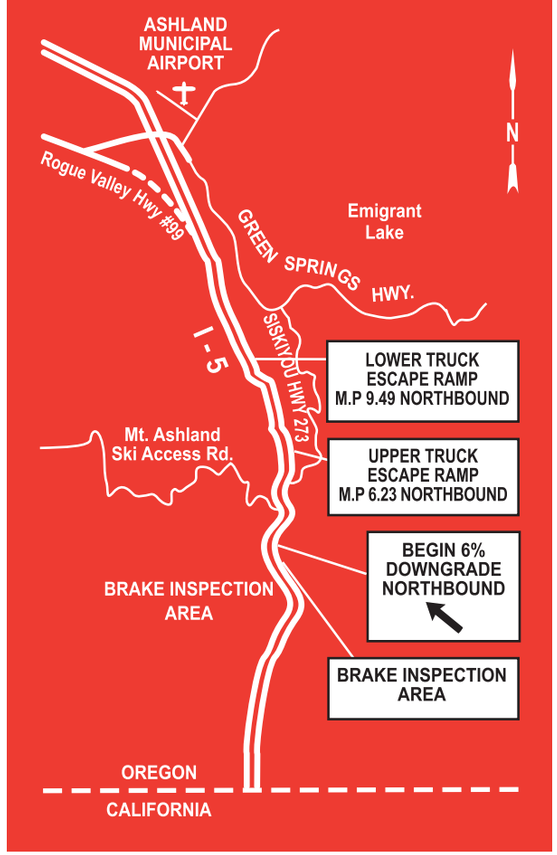
When is it the Best Time to Go Over the Pass?

Mother Nature is hard to figure. At night temperatures drop and freezing is common. Early in the morning when the sun comes up is when fresh snow is the slickest. Mid-day is usually the best time to travel over the pass.

Reminders For a Safe Descent

- Remember to check brakes before entering the downgrade.
- Be aware of the safe recommended speed for your vehicle.
- Posted speeds are maximums in good weather. Bad weather demands slower speeds.
- Fog, snow, and black ice are common between October and April. Be prepared!
- Descend the summit in the proper gear.
- Oregon law requires that you carry and use tire chains when conditions warrant and/or signs posted.
- Be sure you have emergency warning devices (triangles) and use them if you are stopped.
- Be sure all your lights are working.
- Don't drive if you are fatigued!

Watch for these signs:



DOT Registration Information

Motor carriers can obtain information and services about trucking regulations and appropriate Oregon permits at the Ashland Port of Entry located at I-5 Northbound, Milepost 18.

Tune radio to AM 1610 for updated weather information and road conditions

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