

# What is “Customary Maintenance”?

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# Customary Maintenance

**23 CFR 750 707 (d) (5)** Reasonable repair and maintenance of the sign. Each State shall develop its own criteria to determine when customary maintenance ceases and a substantial change has occurred which would terminate nonconforming rights.



# Missouri



- 19% conforming signs
- Replacement of under 50% of the support poles in 12 month period



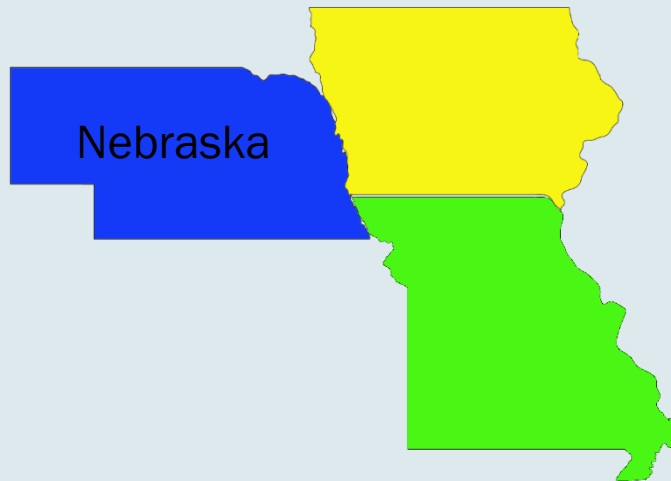
# Iowa



- 92% conforming signs
- Repair that requires more than 60% of the whole replacement cost constitutes reconstruction and is prohibited



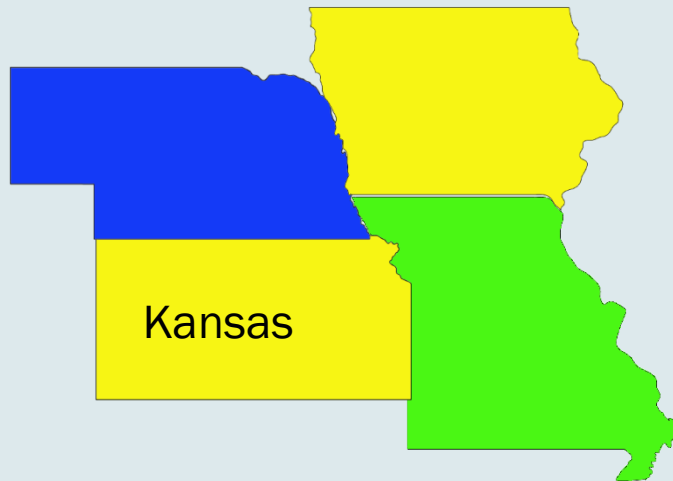
# Nebraska



- 74% conforming signs
- Substantial change includes the replacement of poles that exceeds 25% per year or if less than four poles, one pole per year



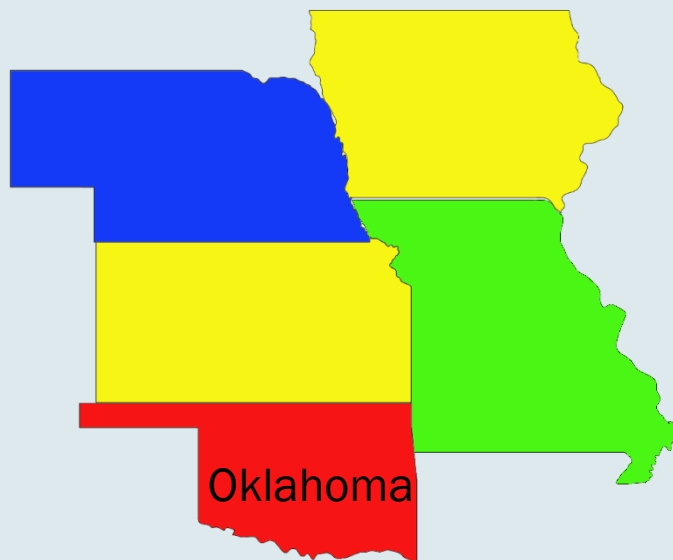
# Kansas



- 43% conforming signs
- Repair costs must be less than 60% of cost to repair whole sign



# Oklahoma



- 77% conforming signs
- Customary maintenance- does not include any pole replacement
- Damage- injury or harm as a result of wear or tear, storms, or other natural causes; must request authorization for repair
- Destroyed- when damage exceeds 50% of the sign structure



# Arkansas

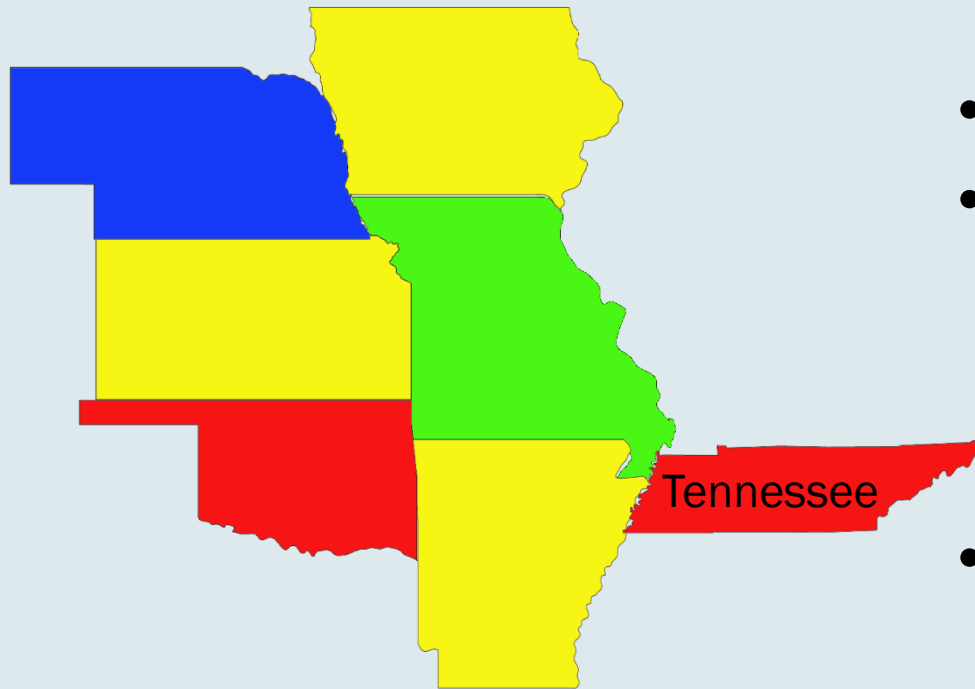


- 71% conforming signs
- Customary maintenance is based on definition of destroyed, which is 50% or more of the supporting poles





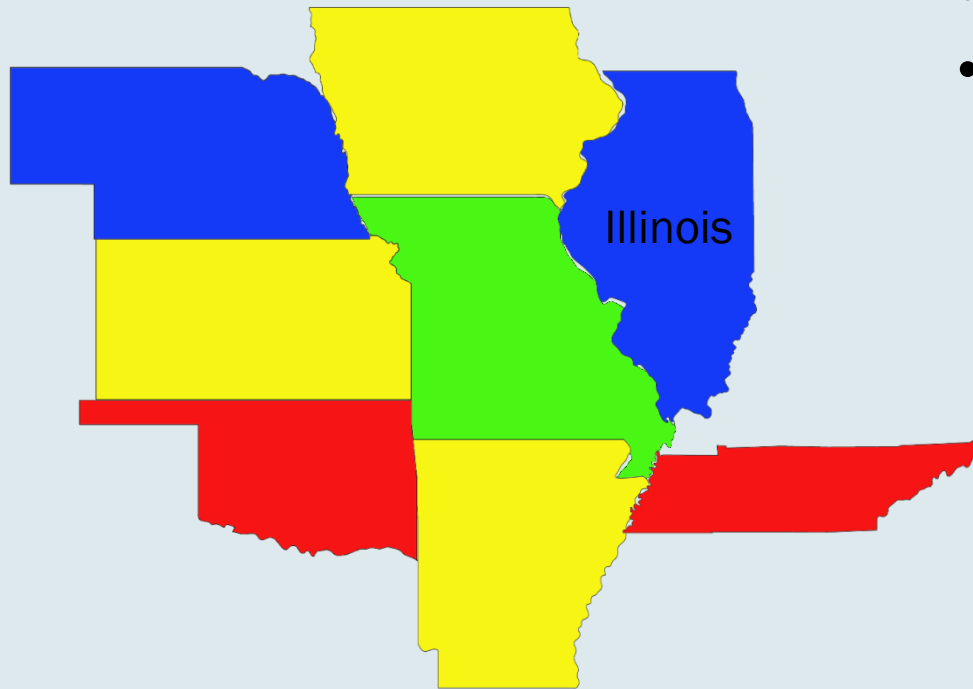
# Tennessee



- 72% conforming signs
- Replacement of up to 50% of poles, posts or other support structures in 24 month period
- Evaluated upon written request



# Illinois



- 70% conforming signs
- Normal maintenance does not include replacement of more than 60% of the uprights, in whole or in part, of a wooden sign structure; or replacement of more than 30% of the length about ground of each broken, bent, or twisted support of a metal sign structure



## Customary Maintenance Summary

- ▶ 8 states surveyed
- ▶ 2 states- 60% replacement cost
- ▶ 6 states- range of 49% to 60% structural replacement



# How do you define customary maintenance?

- ▶ Modification
- ▶ Maintenance
- ▶ Customary maintenance
- ▶ Reconstruction
- ▶ Repair
- ▶ Substantial change



So the question is...

How much is too much?

It is up to YOUR state.

