

CATWALKS

<p>QUESTION: 1) Does your state allow catwalks to be added to nonconforming signs? 2) Do you have specific laws, regulations or policies pertaining to catwalks? If so, please send them to me.</p> <p>WHO: Jean Todd, Highway Beautification Supervisor, Right-of-Way Division, Nebraska Department of Roads, 402.479.4463, jtodd@dor.state.ne.us</p> <p>DATE: 7/17/07</p>		
RESPONSES	WHO	OTHER DOCUMENTS
<p>Although I know of no specific language in any of our various sets of rules (regulations, general laws, state/federal agreement) that address "catwalks", we DO address the maintenance / repair of non-conforming signs, limiting any such maintenance to a specified percentage of the structure in any given year.</p> <p>I wish our web page had an easier address for access, but I usually "walk" folks through getting to our page over the phone beginning with www.mass.gov, then navigating to www.mhd.state.ma.us/, then clicking on "organization" then selecting "Outdoor Advertising" within the list shown under the "Projects" column.</p> <p>The web page discloses our various rules and regulations as well as copies of our application forms. Your question is roughly addressed in our Regulations 711 CMR 3:12 and 3:15.</p>	<p>William J. Bickley, Jr. Executive Director, Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works Outdoor Advertising Division MA DOT, cell phone number (413) 262-0329. William.Bickley@state.ma.us</p>	<p>You may be able to try the link below:</p> <p>http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/default.asp?pgid=content/advertisigns02&sid=about</p>
<p>I believe that a strict reading of our rule governing nonconforming devices would prohibit the addition of a catwalk to a nonconforming sign. However, as the devil's advocate, I must point out the fact that such a ruling could be considered against a positive public policy (ie-making the device safer to the workers). Nevertheless, we don't have a rule that specifically addresses this situation or catwalks in general.</p>	<p>Kerry Yoakum, Administrator, Office of Contracts 1-800-459-3778 (614) 466-2825 Fax #: (614) 728-5930 kerry.yoakum@dot.state.oh.us</p>	
<p>1) Does your state allow catwalks to be added to nonconforming signs? No. "No changes can be made to non-conforming signs that would substantially increase the value of the sign." "A non-conforming sign must remain substantially the same as it was when the permit was issued." If a catwalk was on the sign when it became non-conforming it can stay, but one cannot be added after the fact.</p> <p>2) Do you have specific laws, regulations or policies pertaining to catwalks? If so, please send them to me. Nothing in our code or regulations mentions catwalks specifically.</p>	<p>Joanna M. Campbell Legal Services Specialist Georgia DOT 2 Capitol Square, Room 325 Atlanta, GA 30334 404-657-1579</p>	
<p>Florida does allow the addition of catwalks to nonconforming signs. Our administrative rule states: "The addition of a catwalk or other fall protection device for safety reasons, where the device does not increase the structural integrity of the sign or prolong the life of the sign, is allowed without obtaining prior approval from the Department."</p>	<p>Lynn Holschuh Outdoor Advertising Control Administrator (850) 414-4600 SC 994-4600 lynn.holschuh@dot.state.fl.us</p>	

<p>Utah DOT does not have any laws preventing a sign owner from adding a catwalk to a non-conforming sign.</p>	<p>Justin Sceili Statewide Permits and Utilities Coordinator 4501 S 2700 W Box 148420 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 Office: 801 964-4528 Fax: 801 965-3822 JSCEILI@utah.gov</p>	
<p>Kansas has no rules regarding cat walks for LC. However, non-conforming can not be modified in any way except for Maintenance , so I would have to rule out catwalks on them.</p>	<p>Dennis Miller DLmiller@ksdot.org</p>	
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<p>Arkansas has nothing in it's regulations that either allows or disallows catwalks from being added to nonconforming signs.</p>	<p>Brandy Campbell Beautification Coordinator Arkansas Highway and Transportation Dept Environmental Division * Beautification Office: 501-569-2088 * Fax: 501-569-2089 Cell: 501-412-1588 Brandy.Campbell@ArkansasHighways.com</p>	