

# RESPECT THE HILL!

Emigrant Hill, commonly called “Cabbage Hill” is one of the most hazardous stretches of road along westbound Interstate 84.

This seven-mile downgrade, 35 miles west of La Grande, Oregon, has some of the most changeable and severe weather conditions in the Northwest. These conditions may impair visibility and cause icy road surfaces.

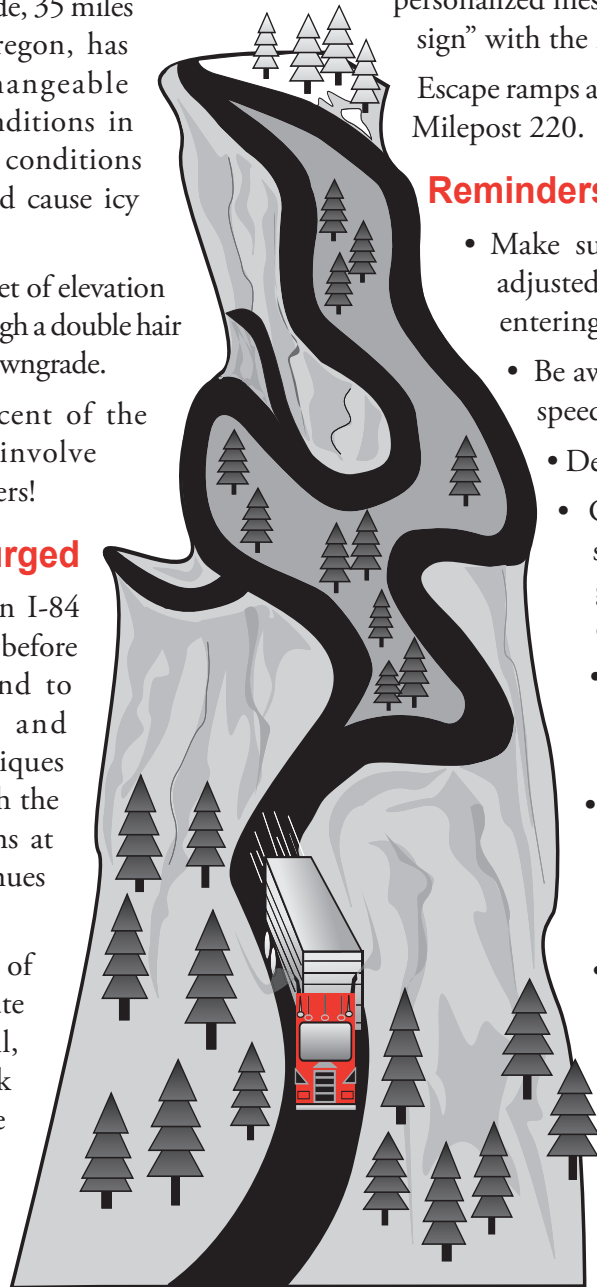
You’ll lose about 2,000 feet of elevation in six miles and twist through a double hair pin turn at a 6-percent downgrade.

On an average 78 percent of the Cabbage Hill crashes involve out-of-state motor carriers!

## Extreme caution urged

Drivers traveling west on I-84 are urged to be prepared before descending the hill, and to use extreme caution and defensive driving techniques as you maneuver through the downgrade, which begins at Milepost 227 and continues through Milepost 217.

On average 59 percent of brake problems contribute to accidents on the Hill, drivers should check their brakes **before** the downgrade. A brake check area is located at the weigh station at Milepost 227.



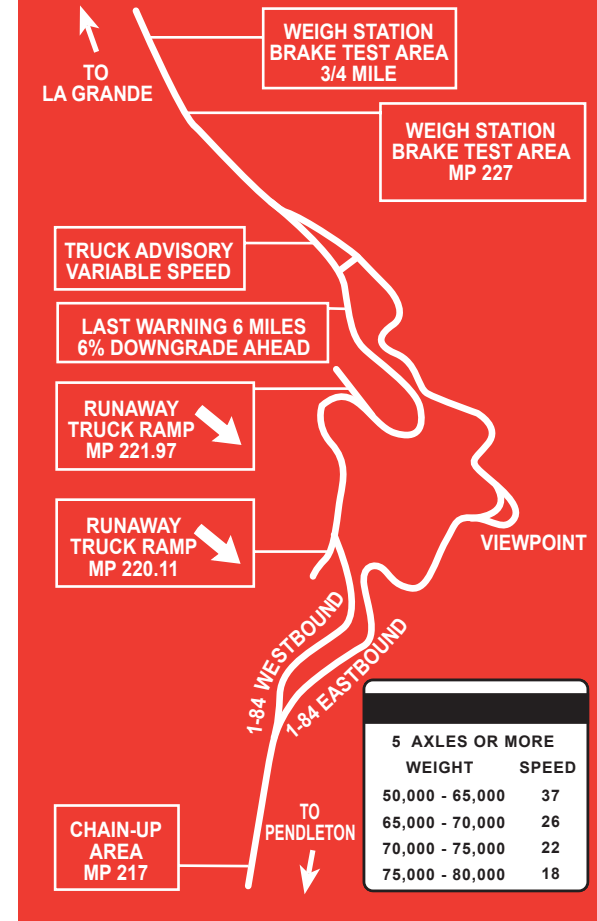
Warning signs provide recommended speeds for trucks descending the Hill. Drivers in trucks with Green Light transponders will receive a personalized message from a “variable message sign” with the recommended speed.

Escape ramps are located at Milepost 221 and Milepost 220.

## Reminders for a safe descent

- Make sure your brakes are properly adjusted and check them before entering the downgrade.
- Be aware of the safe recommended speed for your vehicle.
- Descend the hill in proper gear.
- Control your speed! Posted speeds are maximums in good weather. Bad weather demands lower speeds.
- Fog, snow, and black ice are common between October and April. Be prepared.
- 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:



For Oregon road conditions, call 1-800-977-6368 or go to the web site at <http://www.tripcheck.com/Pages/RCMap.asp?curRegion=0&mainNav=RoadConditions>

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## TRUCKER WARNING



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