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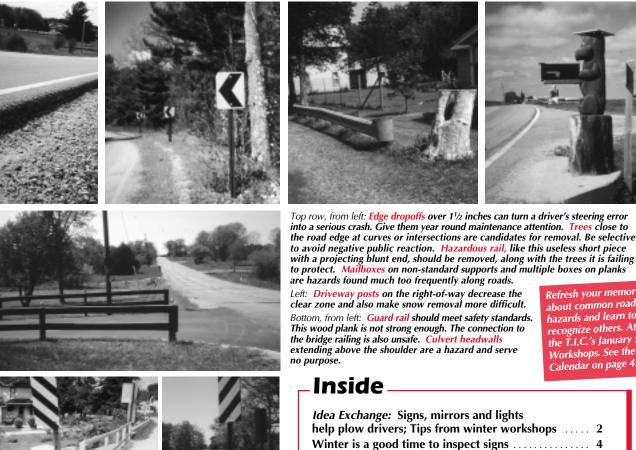
Time to fix roadside safety hazards

Keeping roadways safe and free of hazards is a local agency's continuing task. Roadway hazards often seem to sprout overnight, like the weeds that leap up in ditches the minute your back is turned.

There are many different types of hazards to be looking for-from guardrail problems to unsafe mail boxes, edge dropoffs to culvert headwalls. Each has the potential to make a driver's mistake a costly one. Some also can turn a snow

plowing operation into a demolition derby.

The T.I.C.'s SAFER Manual can help you spot safety problems. Dozens of photographs illustrate hazards in a variety of categories. Using the SAFER ranking system you can identify which ones need immediate action and then plan when and how to correct others. A sampling of some common hazards seen on Wisconsin roadsides in the past year are shown here.



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Refresh your memory about common roadside hazards and learn to recognize others. Attend the T.I.C.'s January Safety Workshops. See the Calendar on page 4.