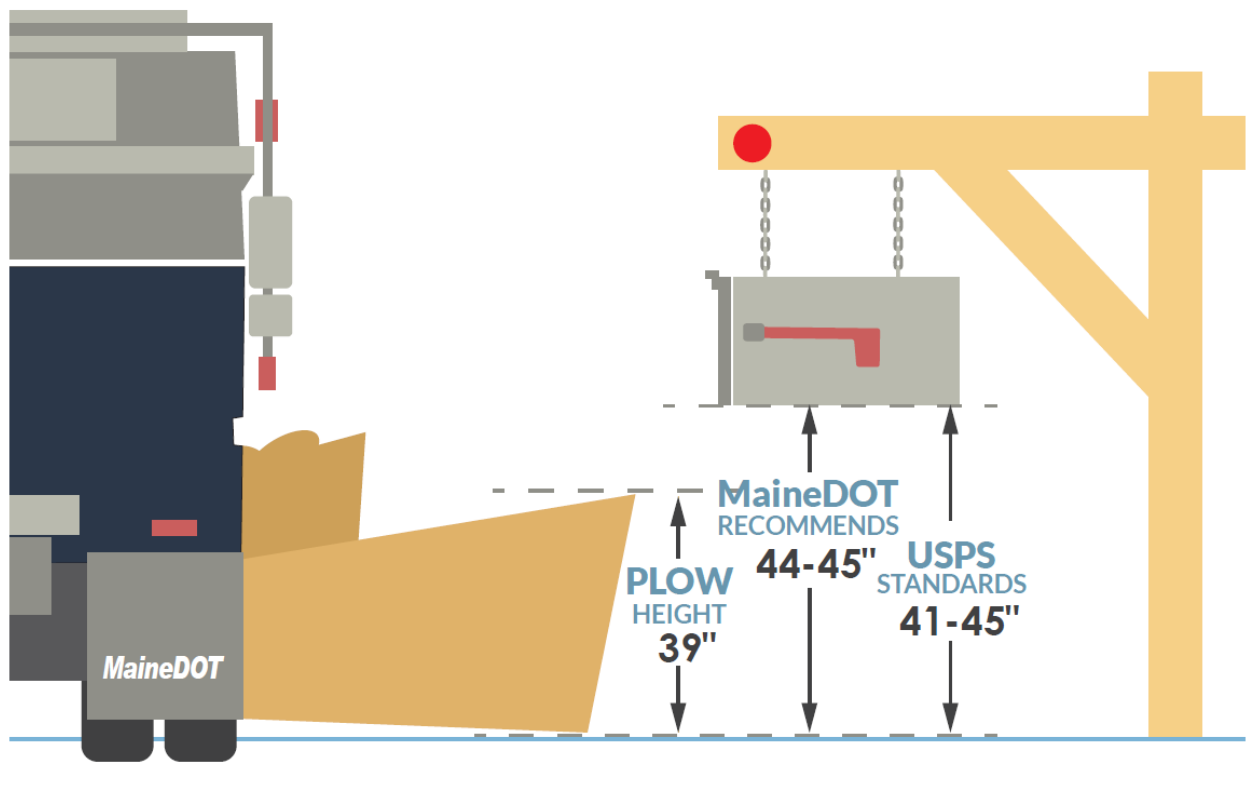


MAILBOX REGULATIONS

According to USPS standards, a mailbox must be installed so the bottom of the mailbox is between 41 inches and 45 inches above the highway shoulder. MaineDOT recommends the height be closer to the 45-inch measurement to minimize the chances of being struck by the plow truck wing (fig. f).



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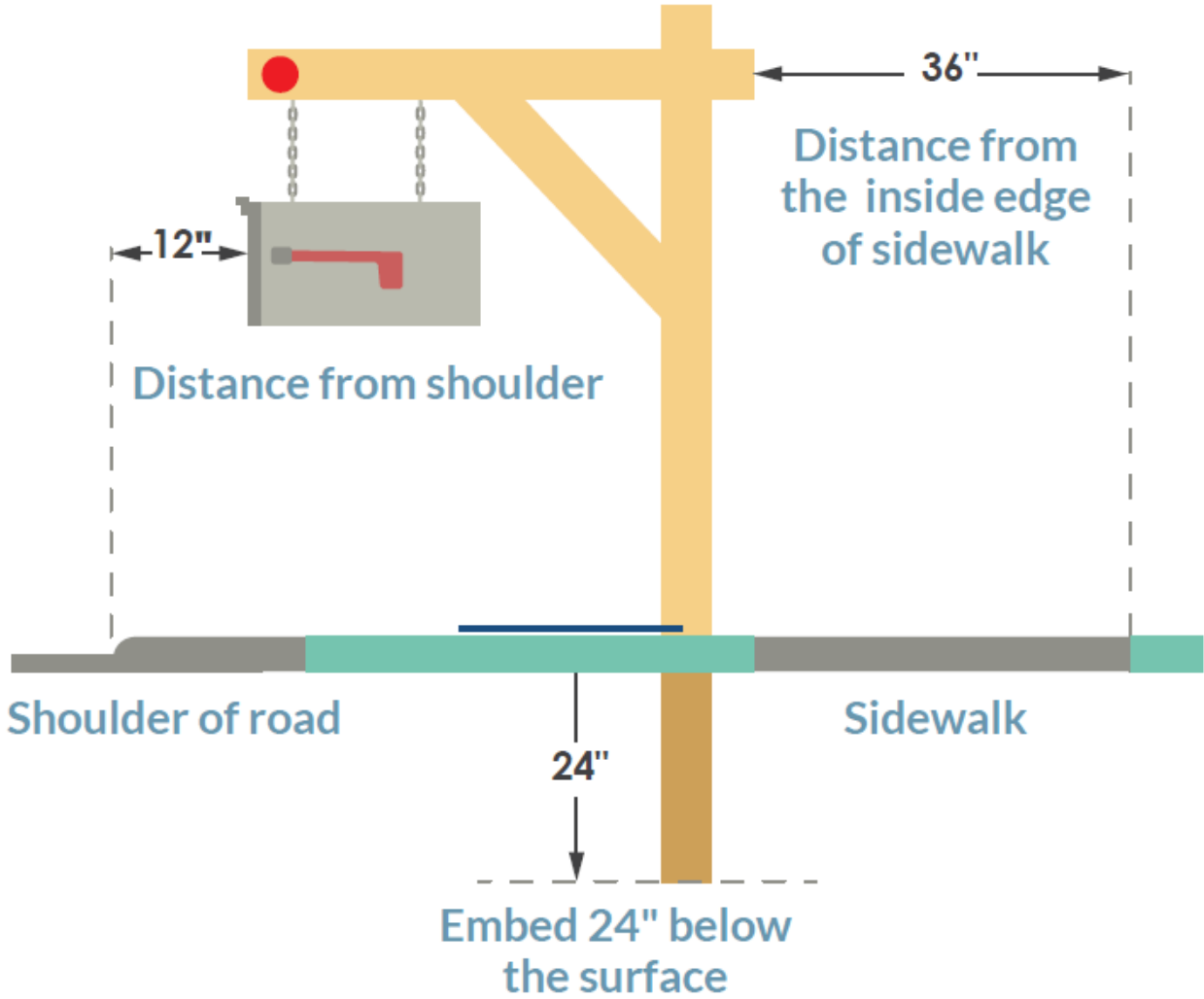
Mailbox Support Design:

In many cases, it is best to use an extended arm post with a free-swinging suspended mailbox (**fig. b**). This allows snowplows to sweep near or under the box without damage, and provides easy access for your mail carrier. Place a red reflector on the arm at the point closest to the road. This will help your local snowfighter see and avoid your mailbox during winter storms.

Offsets from Roads:

Mailboxes should be set back from the edge of the shoulder, regardless of whether the shoulder is gravel or paved. In other words, the face of the mailbox should be at least one foot back from the edge of the normally plowed surface of the highway or the face of curb (**fig. b**). Greater offset distances are encouraged so the mail carrier can move out of traffic and to minimize potential damage to your mailbox. A mailbox in a sidewalk should leave at least 36 inches behind the back of the box or the post, whichever is located the furthest from the road (**fig. b**).

Mailbox Support Design and Road Offsets



(fig. b)