

## 215.3.3 Drop-off Hazard

Drop-off hazards are defined as steep or abrupt downward slopes that can be perilous to vehicle occupants, pedestrians, and cyclists. Shield any drop-off determined to be a hazard using the following guidelines:

- Any vertical faced structure (e.g., retaining wall, wing-wall) located within the clear zone
- (2) For flush shoulder and high-speed curbed roadways, a drop-off of 6 feet or more with a slope steeper than 1:3 located within the clear zone
- (3) For low-speed curbed roadways, a drop-off of 6 feet or greater with a slope steeper than 1:3 located within 22 feet of the traveled way (See *Figure 215.3.3*).
- (4) A drop-off that has had 3 crashes within a 5-year period. Five years of crash data for a particular site can be obtained from the Safety Office.

For drop-off hazards for pedestrians, see FDM 222.4 and FDM 224.15.