Road Reporter NE

User Manual

Report a road hazard or damaged road equipment on a Nebraska state highway or county road from your phone, in English or Spanish - and find out who to call if you hit a deer and want to keep it.

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1. Welcome to Road Reporter NE

1.1 What it does

Road Reporter NE helps you tell the right road office about a problem you've seen on a Nebraska road - debris in a lane, a washout, a knocked-down stop sign, a damaged guardrail, a dark traffic signal. You mark the spot on a map, pick what it is, and the app writes an email addressed to the office responsible for that road. Your own phone's mail app sends it.

- It's **free**, and there's **nothing to download or install** - it runs in your web browser at **bad-marine-road-issue-reporter.fly.dev**.
- It takes **3 steps**: where is it, what's the problem, and review & send.
- It works in **English or Spanish**. The email itself is always written in English, so the road crew can act on it.
- It also has a **wildlife salvage** screen: if you hit a deer, antelope or elk and want to keep it, it tells you the rules and which Game & Parks office to call (chapter 7).

1.2 What roads it covers

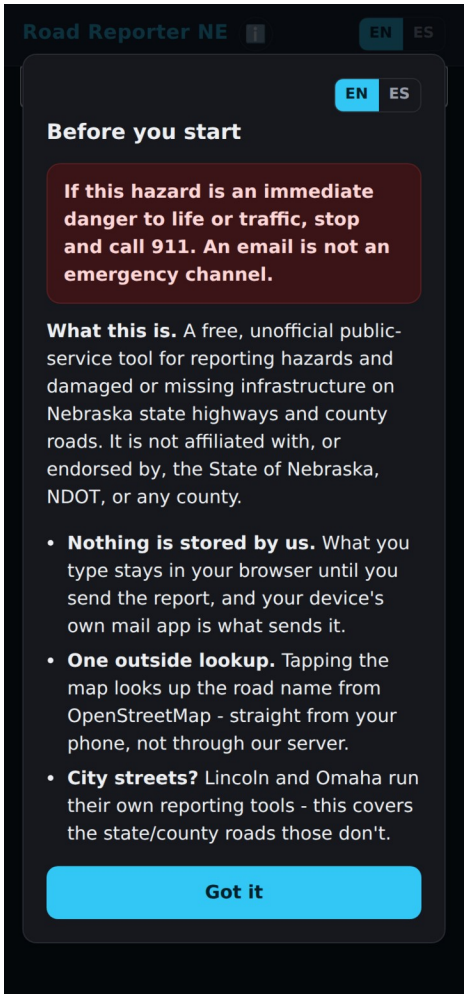
Nebraska state highways and county roads - including Interstates, US highways and state highways, even where they run through a town.

Not city or village streets. Those belong to the city or village. Lincoln and Omaha run their own reporting tools (Lincoln's UPLNK and Omaha's Mayor's Hotline); for other towns, contact the city or village office. If you drop a pin inside a city or village, the app warns you (section 4.3).

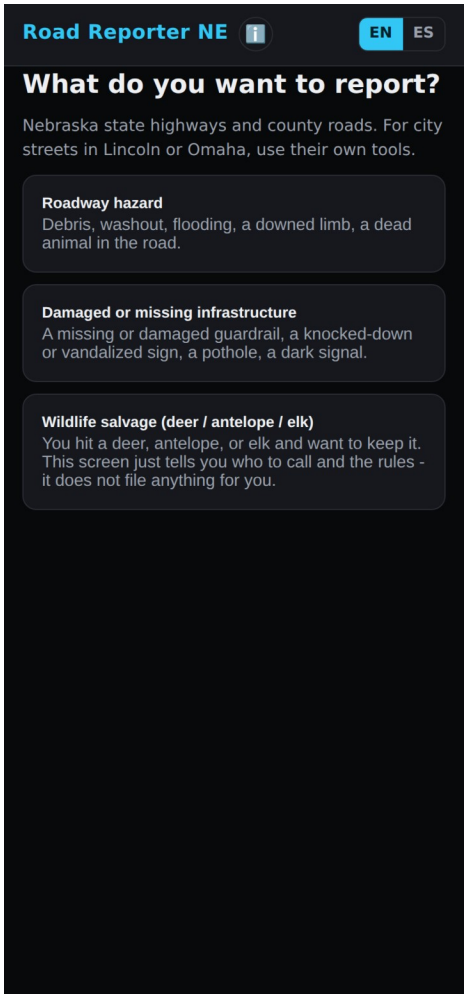
1.3 Emergencies

> **Call 911.** If a hazard is an immediate danger to life or traffic, stop and call 911. An email is not an emergency channel, and there's no guaranteed response time.

The app says this up front, on the screen you see the first time you open it. Tap **Got it** to continue.



Before you start



Choosing what to report

1.4 Your privacy

- **Nothing is stored by us.** What you type stays in your browser, on your device, until you send the report. Bad Marine LLC never receives or keeps it.
- **Your mail app sends the report,** from your own email account - the app never sends anything itself.
- **One outside lookup.** When you mark a spot, the app asks OpenStreetMap for the road name there, straight from your phone.

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2. Getting around

2.1 The header



The header

Button	What it does
Road Reporter NE	Back to the start screen.
i	About the tool: what it does, your data, emergencies, accuracy, and how to report an app bug.
(trash)	Wipe everything you've entered and exit (section 2.4). Only shows once you've started a report.
EN / ES	Switch between English and Spanish.

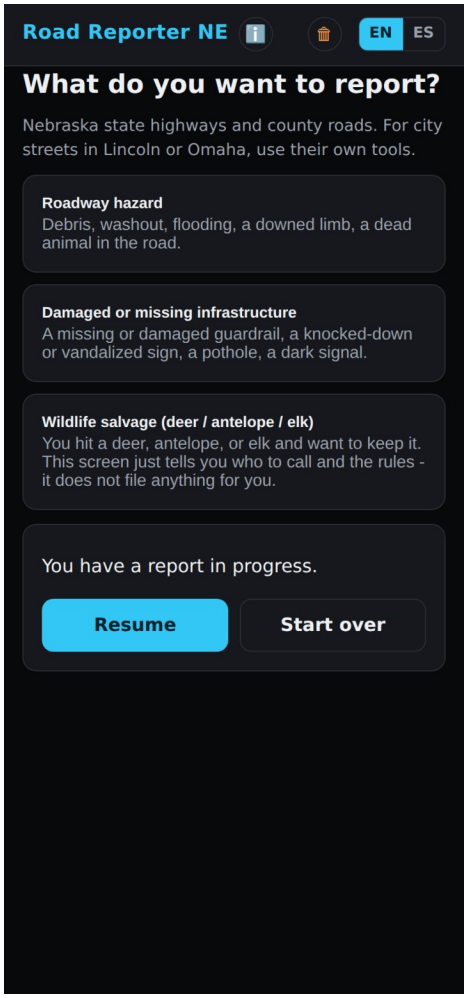
While you're filling in a report, three bars under the header show which of the 3 steps you're on.

2.2 English and Spanish

Tap **ES** for Spanish or **EN** for English, at any time - your answers are kept. The Spanish text was machine-translated and is still waiting for review by a native speaker; if anything is unclear, switch back to **EN**. Whichever language you use, the email the road office receives is in English.

2.3 Picking up where you left off

Your report is saved on your device as you go. If you leave and come back, the start screen shows **You have a report in progress** - tap **Resume** to carry on, or **Start over** to throw it away and begin again.



A report in progress



The same screen in Spanish

2.4 Wiping everything

The 🗑️ button erases everything you've entered from the device and returns to the start. It asks first - tap **Yes, wipe everything** to confirm or **Cancel** to go back. There's no undo. Use it on a shared or public device.



Wipe everything and exit?

3. Choosing what to report

The start screen asks **What do you want to report?**

Choice	Use it for
Roadway hazard	Something in or on the road: debris or fallen cargo, a fallen tree or large limb, a rock or mud slide, a washed-out or flooded road, standing water, ice or snow pack, spilled fuel, a dead animal, or a live animal loose near the road.
Damaged or missing infrastructure	Road equipment that's damaged, missing or not working: guardrails and barriers, bridge rails, signs, traffic signals and lights, potholes and broken pavement, shoulder drop-offs, culverts, worn pavement markings, delineator posts, right-of-way fence.
Wildlife salvage (deer / antelope / elk)	You hit a deer, antelope or elk and want to keep it. This only tells you the rules and who to call - it doesn't file anything (chapter 7).

Hazards and infrastructure go through the same 3 steps, described in the next three chapters.

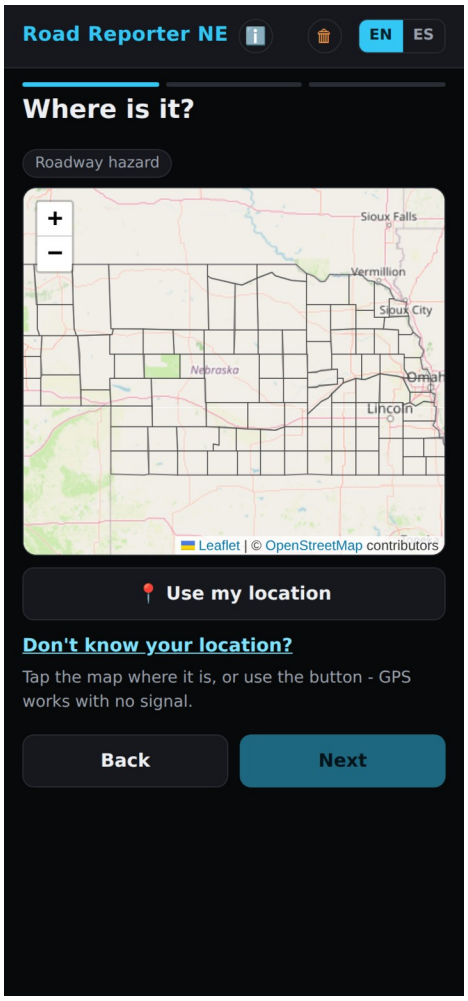
4. Step 1 - Where is it?

4.1 Marking the spot

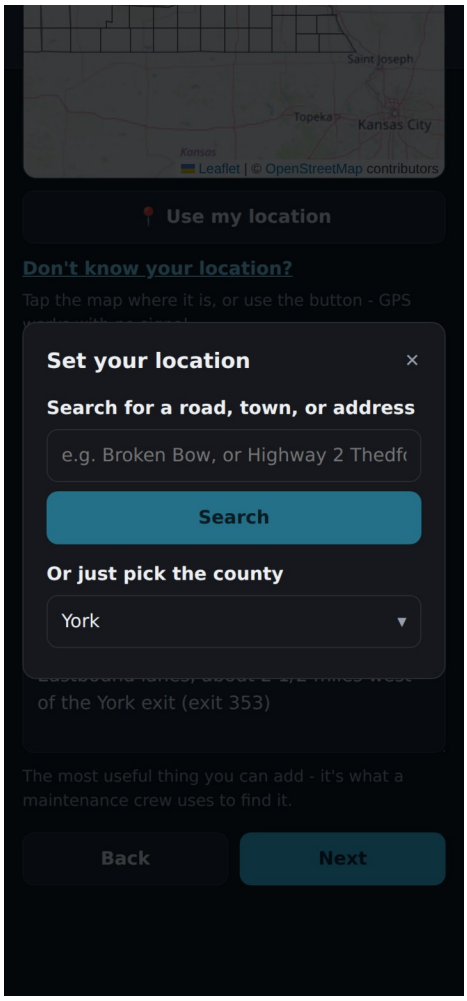
There are three ways to mark where the problem is:

- **Tap the map** where it is. Use **+** and **–** (or pinch) to zoom in first - the map starts out showing the whole state.
- 📍 **Use my location** uses your phone's GPS, if you're standing at the spot (or stopped safely nearby). GPS works even with no cell signal. Your browser will ask permission the first time.
- **Don't know your location?** opens a box where you can **search for a road, town or address** (for example "Broken Bow" or "Highway 2 Thedford") and pick a result - or, if that doesn't work, **just pick the county**.

Once a spot is set, a strip under the map shows its coordinates and the road and county the app found there.



Where is it?



Don't know your location?

4.2 Road type

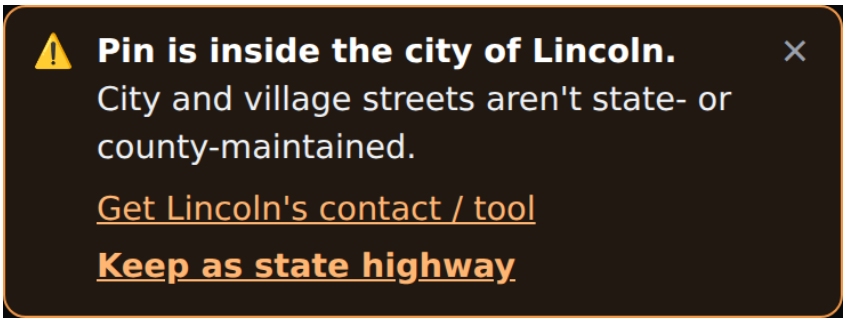
State highway or **County / local**. This decides who the report goes to (section 6.1). The app picks one for you from the road name - Interstates, US highways and numbered state highways are state highways - and you can change it.

> **Not sure?** Leave it on **State highway**. NDOT forwards anything that isn't theirs.

4.3 City and village streets

If your pin is inside a city or village, a warning explains that city and village streets aren't state- or county-maintained. For Lincoln and Omaha it links to the city's own reporting tool; for other towns, contact the city or village office.

But a numbered state highway running **through** a town is still the state's. If that's where the problem is, tap **Keep as state highway** and carry on. You can also close the warning with ×.

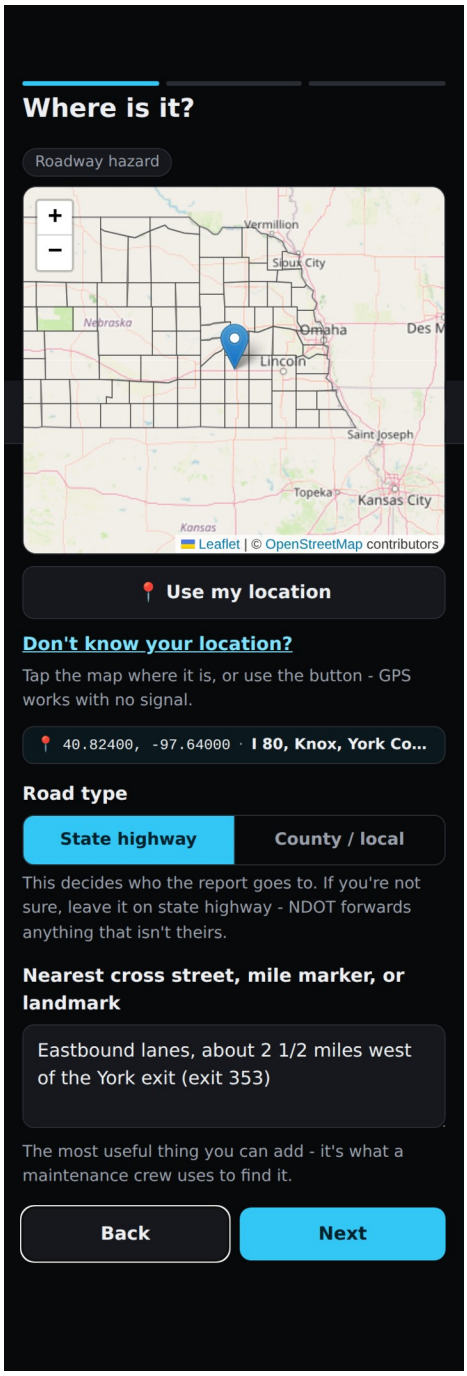


A pin inside Lincoln

4.4 Nearest cross street, mile marker, or landmark

This is the most useful thing you can add. A map pin alone can be hard to find on a long stretch of rural road. Tell the crew what they'll see: a mile marker, a cross road, which side of the road, a building or bridge nearby - for example, "Eastbound lanes, about 2 1/2 miles west of the York exit (exit 353)."

Tap **Next** when the spot is set.

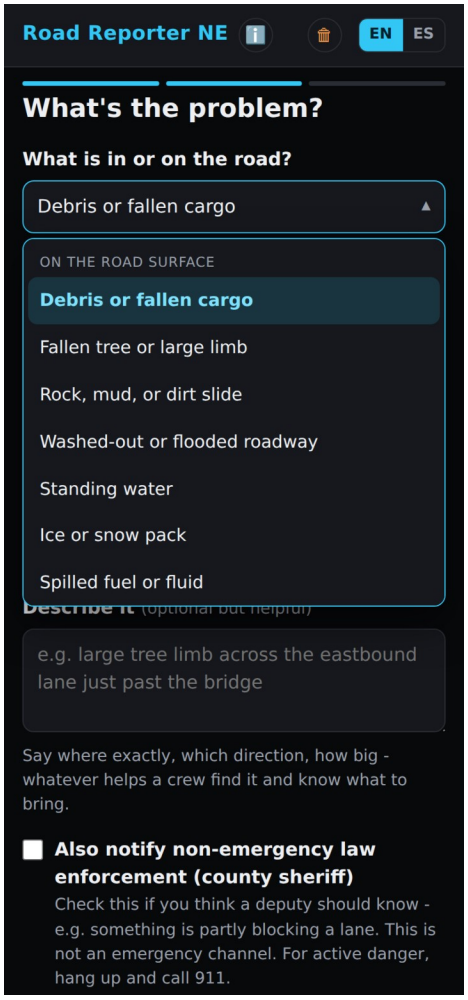


The spot set on I-80, with a landmark

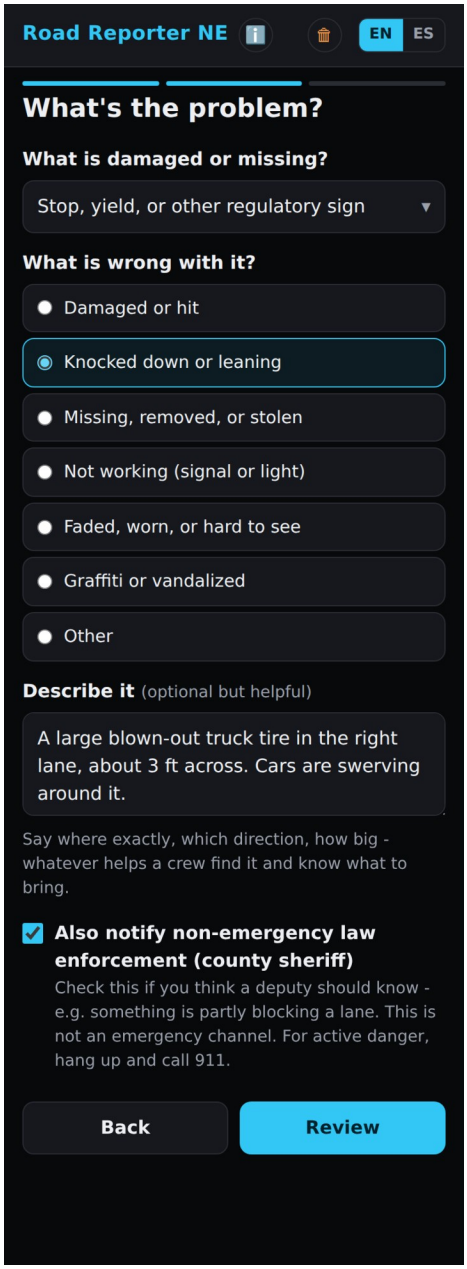
5. Step 2 - What's the problem?

5.1 What it is

Tap the first box and pick from the list. For a hazard it asks **What is in or on the road?**; for infrastructure, **What is damaged or missing?** Every list ends with **Other** for anything that doesn't fit.



Picking what it is



An infrastructure report

5.2 How bad

For a **hazard**: **Is it blocking traffic?** - Not blocking (on the shoulder or off the road), Partly blocking one lane, Blocking a full lane, Blocking the whole roadway, or Not sure. If it's blocking traffic, the email's subject line starts with **[Blocking traffic]** so the office can spot it quickly.

For **infrastructure**: **What is wrong with it?** - Damaged or hit; Knocked down or leaning; Missing, removed, or stolen; Not working (signal or light); Faded, worn, or hard to see; Graffiti or vandalized; or Other.

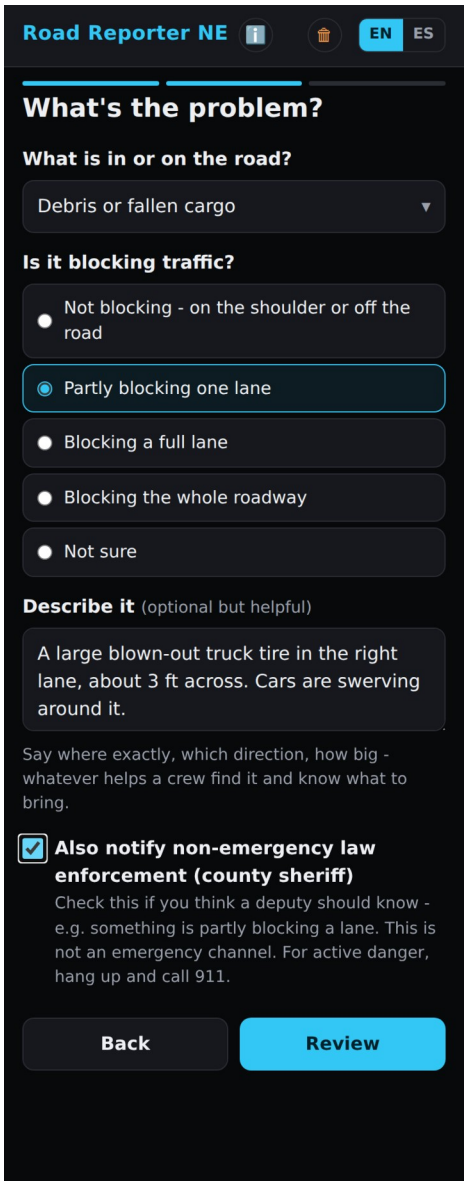
5.3 Describe it

Optional but helpful - and **required if you picked Other** in either list. Say exactly where, which direction, how big: whatever helps a crew find it and know what to bring.

5.4 Also notify the county sheriff

Check **Also notify non-emergency law enforcement (county sheriff)** if you think a deputy should know - for example, something is partly blocking a lane. The county sheriff's office is then copied on the same email. This is still not an emergency channel: for active danger, call 911.

Tap **Review** when you're done.



A hazard, filled in

6. Step 3 - Review & send

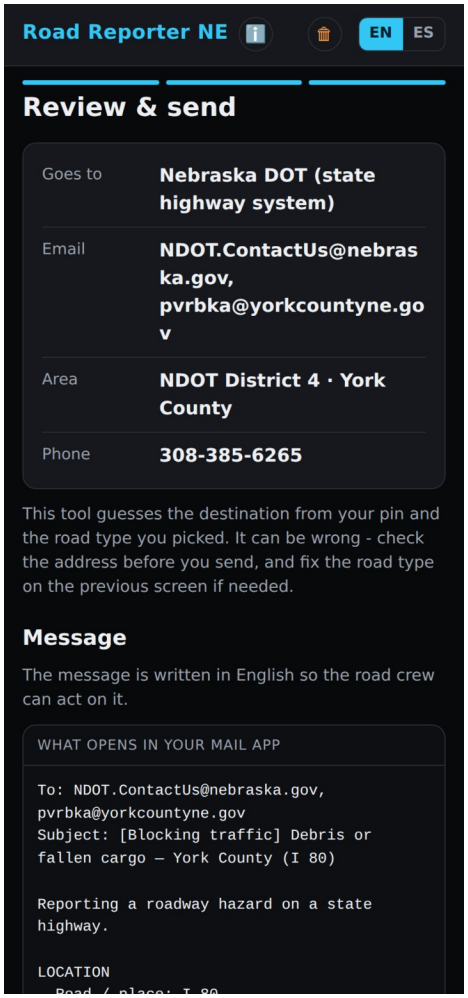
6.1 Who it goes to

The top of the screen shows where your report is going: **Goes to**, the **Email** address(es), the NDOT district and county (**Area**), and the district office's **Phone**.

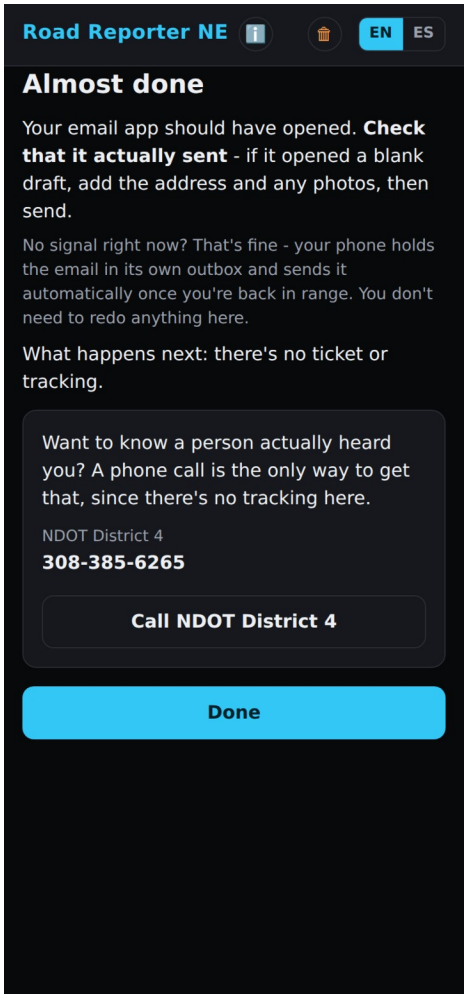
If the road is...	The report goes to
A state highway	The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), which routes it to the right district.
A county or local road	That county's highway superintendent.
County road, but no contact on file for that county	NDOT, which forwards it.
The county couldn't be worked out	NDOT, which forwards it.
...and you checked **notify the county sheriff**	The county sheriff's office is also copied.

Check the address. The app works out the destination from your pin and the road type you picked, and it can be wrong. If the address doesn't look right, go **Back** and fix the road type.

If you didn't add a landmark, a **No landmark added** reminder appears with an **Add a landmark** link back to the location step. You can still send without one.



Who it goes to



Almost done

6.2 The message

What opens in your mail app shows the whole email: who it's to, the subject, and the body - the road, road type, county, your landmark, a map link and coordinates, then what you reported. It's written in English so the road crew can act on it.

Copy text and **Copy address** copy the message and the address, in case your mail app doesn't open or opens a blank email.

6.3 Sending it

1. Tap ✉ **Open my email**. Your phone's mail app opens with a new email already addressed and written.
2. **Attach any photos** you have of the problem - they help the crew a lot. (The app can't attach them for you.)
3. Send the email.

You can also tap 📞 **Call NDOT District _** to phone the district office instead of (or as well as) emailing.

6.4 Afterwards

The **Almost done** screen reminds you to **check that the email actually sent** - if your mail app opened a blank draft, add the address and any photos, then send.

- **No signal?** That's fine. Your phone keeps the email in its outbox and sends it once you're back in range. You don't need to redo anything.
- **There's no ticket or tracking.** If you want to know a person actually heard you, call - the screen shows the district office number with a **Call** button.

Tap **Done** to clear the report from your device and go back to the start.

7. Wildlife salvage

If you hit a **deer, antelope or elk** and want to keep it, Nebraska lets you - if you notify Game & Parks. This screen is **information only**: it doesn't file anything for you.

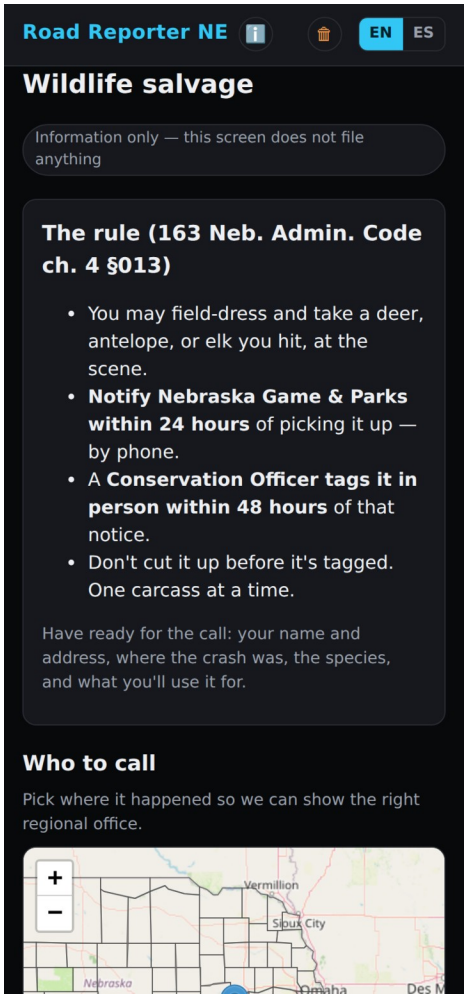
7.1 The rule (163 Neb. Admin. Code ch. 4 §013)

- You may field-dress and take the animal at the scene.
- **Notify Nebraska Game & Parks within 24 hours** of picking it up - by phone.
- A **Conservation Officer tags it in person within 48 hours** of that notice.
- Don't cut it up before it's tagged. One carcass at a time.

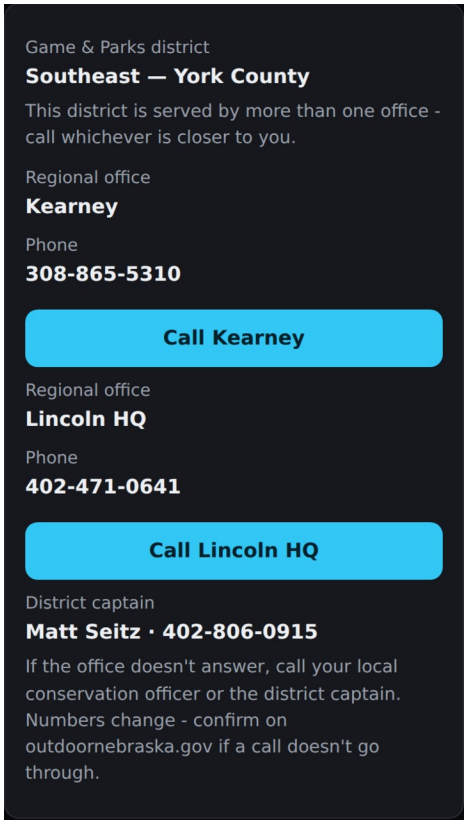
Have ready for the call: your name and address, where the crash was, the species, and what you'll use it for.

7.2 Who to call

Mark where it happened - tap the map, **Use my location**, or **Don't know your location?** - and the app shows your **Game & Parks district**, its **regional office** (some districts have two; call whichever is closer) with a **Call** button, and the **district captain**. If the office doesn't answer, call your local conservation officer or the district captain. Numbers change - if a call doesn't go through, check outdoornebraska.gov.



Wildlife salvage



Who to call, for York County

8. Questions and known limits

8.1 Frequently asked questions

Is this an official state app?

No. It's an independent, free public-service tool. It sends your report to the official state and county offices by email, from your own account.

Will I hear back?

Not through the app - there's no ticket or tracking. The office may reply to your email. If it's important, call (section 6.4).

It's a pothole on a city street. Can I use this?

No - city and village streets belong to the city or village. Lincoln and Omaha have their own tools (section 4.3).

Can I report it more than once, or if someone else already did?

Yes. The app can't tell whether something was already reported; the road office sorts out duplicates.

Does it work out in the country with no signal?

Mostly. GPS works without signal, and your mail app sends the email once you're back in range. The road-name lookup and the map need a connection.

Can I send photos?

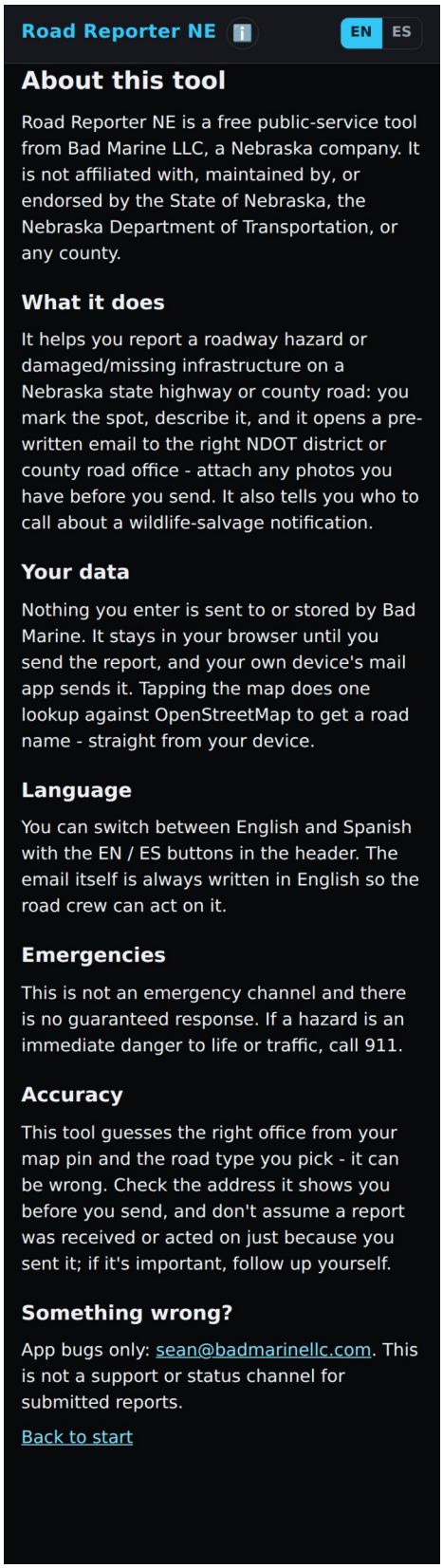
Yes - attach them to the email in your mail app before you send (section 6.3).

8.2 Known limits

- **The destination is a best guess** from your pin and road type, and it can be wrong. Check the address before you send.
- **No tracking or confirmation** that a report was received or acted on.
- **Photos aren't attached automatically** - add them in your mail app.
- **You need a mail app set up** on your device. If none opens, use **Copy text** and **Copy address** and send from any email account.
- **Your draft lives in one browser on one device**, and clearing the browser's data erases it.
- **The Spanish text is machine-translated** and hasn't been reviewed by a native speaker yet.
- **Wildlife salvage is information only** - you still have to call Game & Parks yourself.

8.3 Getting help

For app bugs only, email **sean@badmarinellc.com**. This isn't a support or status channel for reports you've sent - for those, contact the road office directly.



About this tool