



## **SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The following safety recommendations are taken from the Georgia Department of Transportation “Adopt-a-Highway” Rules and Regulations and the Department of Public Works Safety Division. All groups and individual volunteers are urged to consider them accordingly:**

1. Hold safety meetings with group prior to litter pick-up activities.
2. Carpool to the litter pick-up area if possible to keep vehicles to a minimum.
3. Park vehicles away from the roadway.
4. Keep work group to a manageable size.
5. Closely supervise youth. Volunteers age 12 and under should be discouraged from collecting litter in streets.
6. Keep site of all your participants and be cognizant of surroundings.
7. Do not remove any hazardous materials found on the site.
8. Do not remove weapons or paraphernalia if found; immediately call 911.
9. Stay clear of construction areas.
10. Do not pick-up litter on bridges, overpasses or tunnels.
11. Do not pick-up litter during inclement weather, hours of darkness or hours of peak traffic.
12. Consider bringing plenty of water when working in hot temperatures and pace yourself.
13. Be aware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, fire ants, snakes and rodents.
14. Consider the possibility of any participant’s known allergies prior to litter pick-up.
15. Do not allow participants to partake of, possess or distribute alcohol beverages while involved in litter pick-up.
16. Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly.
17. Use gloves and protective clothing (safety vest, long sleeves and pants) and urge all participants to do so.
18. Never place your back towards traffic, always face traffic.
19. Safety cones may be required at certain pick-up locations.
20. Consider bringing a First Aid Kit to the pick-up location.

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