# STAYING SAFE WHILE PAINTING OUT GRAFFITI





## **Safety Gear**

#### Provided by Adopt a Street:

- Safety Vest (to be worn at all times!)
- Gloves

#### Strongly recommended:

- Long pants and long sleeve shirts (clothing that covers exposed skin)
- Boots or sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting dirty
- Bright colored, easily visible clothing and will protect you from the elements.

## **Volunteer Safety Guidelines**

Assess your surroundings, only paint in safe locations. Check for:

Hazardous Materials	Avoid areas where you see hypodermic needles, suspicious fluids, etc.
Traffic Conditions	Be prepared for any unexpected behavior from motorists; Do not go into the roadway, median, and other locations encountering vehicle traffic.
Unsafe Structures	Stay off bridges and rocky, steep, unstable slopes, guardrails. Avoid construction and utility work sites.
Weather Conditions	Avoid lightening, heavy winds, or rain/snow conditions.



#### Also, be sure to:

Pay Attention
Do not wear headphones; Do not use alcohol or mind-altering substances prior to, or while participating in paint-out events; Only work during daylight hours

Take breaks! breaks frequ

Make sure you and your crew are drinking water and taking breaks frequently to avoid overexertion and heat related problems



### **Emergency Procedures**

- Know the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly summon the police or medics
- Report all accidents or injuries to the Event Leader immediately
- We recommend having at least one Cleanup Event member possesses a valid First Aid Card
- If you encounter a dangerous situation such as harassment from others, leave the area and dial 9-1-1 for assistance.