



HOW TO STAY SAFE WHILE VOLUNTEERING

General Safety Gear

Provided by Show Up, Seattle! Day of Service: **Strongly recommended:**

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| ☐ Safety Vest (to be worn at all times!) | ☐ Long pants and long sleeve shirts |
| ☐ Nitril Gloves | ☐ Boots or sturdy shoes |
| ☐ Litter Grabber | |

General Volunteer Safety Guidelines

Be Street Safe	Do not go into the roadway, median, or roundabout to remove litter. Stay off bridges and rocky, steep, unstable slopes, guardrails, or concrete walls. Avoid construction and utility work sites. Stay on public property at all times.
Use proper tools	Use litter grabber as much as possible rather than using your hands; dangerous litter may not be visible; watch for nails, syringes, broken glass, or other sharp objects. If you encounter sharps or other hazardous materials (drug paraphernalia, foil, etc), report the incident and location to the volunteer event host to report it through Find It, Fix It.
Pay Attention	Be prepared for any unexpected behavior from motorists; Do not wear headphones; No horseplay or pranks; Do not use alcohol or mind-altering substances prior to, or while participating in clean-up events; Only work during daylight hours; Watch children carefully.
Take breaks!	Make sure you and your crew are drinking water and taking breaks frequently to avoid overexertion and heat related problems.

Emergency Procedures

- ☐ Report all accidents or injuries to the Volunteer Event Leader immediately.
- ☐ If encountering a dangerous situation, such as harassment, leave the area and dial 9-1-1 for assistance.

How to Handle Unsafe & Dangerous Litter

When cleaning up public spaces, be respectful of persons experiencing homelessness and leave camps and personal property items in place. Be mindful of personal safety and do not clean within 20 feet of tents and encampments.

Show Up, Seattle! Day of Service volunteers are NOT expected or encouraged to handle dangerous or unsafe litter items and should only collect these items if he/she/they feel completely comfortable and safe doing so. In those situations, we encourage volunteers to also take necessary safety precautions.

Some examples of unsafe litter may include:

- litter that is not fully visible
- dead animals
- condoms, human waste, broken glass, heavy objects
- Needles
- hazardous products, propane tanks, gas canisters, etc.
- Firearms and other weapons (if found, contact the police immediately at 9-1-1 or (206) 625-5011)

Please report the above items via the Find It, Fix It App or the Illegal Dumping Hotline (206) 684-7587.