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**Adopt-A-Street Safety Guidelines & Pre-Cleanup Checklist**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE ESSENTIAL THINGS YOU NEED TO REVIEW AND ADDRESS BEFORE EACH LITTER CLEAN-UP EVENT.**

**Suggested Safety Gear (not provided by Adopt-A-Street)**

Long pants and long sleeve shirts

Boots or sturdy shoes

**Provided by Adopt A Street Program**

High visibility safety vest – worn closed

Litter tools

Litter bags

**Safety Guidelines**

Always Wear safety vest

Stay off bridges and rocky, steep, or unstable slopes

Watch for nails, syringes, broken glass, or other sharp objects (call 684-7587 to report syringes)

Avoid stray or wild animals, stinging insects, and/or mosquitoes

Be prepared for any unexpected behavior from motorist

Only pick-up litter from the sidewalk. Do not pick-up litter in the street or on private property

Work toward oncoming traffic

Only work during daylight hours and good weather

Stay clear of all construction and utility work sites

Stay clear of homeless encampments

Do not go into the roadway, median, or roundabout to remove litter

Do not wear headphones

No horseplay or pranks

Do not stand or jump on guardrails, drainage pipes, or concrete walls

Do not use alcohol or mind altering substances prior to, or while participating in clean-up events

Avoid overexertion and heat-related problems by drinking water and taking breaks

**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 crew leader immediately

We recommend having at least one crew member with a valid First Aid Card

**ITEMS TO AVOID**

Firearms and other weapons (if found contact the police immediately)

Drug paraphernalia (hypodermic needles, baggies containing drugs or unknown substances)

Hazardous materials (propane tanks, gas canisters, car batteries, petroleum products, chemicals, paints and solvents, unidentified containers, pharmaceuticals, or other known drug making materials)

Dead Animals

Heavy objects (large vehicle parts, engines, appliances, fallen road signs, etc.)

Tires