

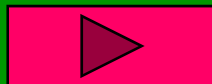
# *SAFETY GUIDELINES*

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Roadways are dangerous places. This slideshow outlines proper safety procedures for participation in Georgia's Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Plan for Safety. Carefully review these safety precautions *prior* to each pick-up. Each participant must sign the Participant Waiver Form. Save the Form for your records. ●



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**Of course, always use common sense, and be sure that all members are in good physical condition, including sight and hearing.**

**Have at least one adult supervisor for every three children aged 12-15. No child under 12 should participate in Adopt-A-Highway clean-ups. ●**



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**Assign work teams and leaders before you reach the site.**

**Distribute trash bags beforehand.**

**Estimate the amount of time for your pickup and agree on a meeting place when you're finished.**

**Carpool to the clean-up site and be sure to park in a safe spot as far from the road as possible. Be careful not to park in an area that would obstruct motorists' views, such as on a curve in the road. ●**



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**Bring along an adequate first-aid kit, and identify the nearest hospital and know how to get there in an emergency. At least one person in your group should be familiar with CPR.**

**Obtain emergency contacts for each group member and bring their phone numbers with you.**

**Always carry a cell phone. ●**



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**Wear your safety vests at all times.**

**Work only during daylight hours during good weather. During the hot summer months, it's a good idea to restrict your work to morning hours.**

**Don't overexert yourself. Bring along a supply of drinking water and take breaks. ●**



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**Stay with your team, and whenever possible, face oncoming traffic. Always work only one side of the road at a time.**

**Stay alert and be prepared to move out of the way in an emergency.**

**Stay away from construction sites, mowing activities, open water, bridges, overpasses, or retaining walls that could be dangerous for workers.**

**Make sure the litter pickup signs are displayed, and close them after pickup is complete. ●**



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**Never crush collected trash to make more room in the bag. Broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries.**

**Do not wear headsets. They could prevent you from hearing traffic or other hazards.**

**Do not pick up syringes or hypodermic needles, animal carcasses, or heavy, large or hazardous materials. Flag those items and notify Georgia DOT for pickup. ●**



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**Do not “horse around” or do anything to purposely distract drivers.**

**Avoid poison ivy or other noxious weeds.**

**Avoid insects such as fire ants, yellow jackets, wasps, etc. Also, be aware of and avoid animals such as snakes, possums and raccoons. ●**



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