

Safety Tips

The Adopt-A-Highway Program promotes responsible behavior. All participants are asked to keep this goal in mind when conducting cleanups. **Program requirements state that the following regulations must be shared with all members: *Please review and discuss this information prior to conducting clean ups.***

DON'T pick up litter on the highway, close to the edge of the road or on the median.

DON'T pick up litter in construction or maintenance sites, in tunnels, behind guardrails or on bridges or overpasses. DeIDOT will maintain these areas.

DON'T pick up materials that appear to be hazardous (used motor oil, lead paint cans, antifreeze containers, etc.). Contact the Delaware State Police or the Hazardous Waste section of DNREC at 800.662.8802 or 302.739.9401 to allow the agency to dispose of the hazardous or unknown waste.

DON'T pick up any meth lab waste products, such as propane cylinders (like the ones on gas grills), medicine boxes, masks, rubber gloves or hoses/clamps. Notify DeIDOT immediately at 800.652.5600 if such items are found.

DON'T pick up any drug related paraphernalia, such as syringes or needles, as these can easily penetrate through the bag or cause injury.

DON'T do anything that will distract passing drivers or other volunteers.

DON'T pick up any firearms or explosive devices. If found, contact your local police agency.

DON'T work during peak travel times, on or near holidays when traffic is heavy. DeIDOT can help you identify suitable hours.

DON'T participate in litter pickups while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

DON'T plant flowers or shrubs near your sign.

DON'T wear music headsets that would prevent you from hearing an approaching motorist.

DON'T attach signs or miscellaneous items to your AAH sign.

DO stay on the right-of-way, facing traffic, with your group. Work on only one side of the road at a time.

DO work in small groups, keeping children with adults at all times.

DO carpool to the site and park off the road, as far from the pavement as possible.

DO wear bright colored, protective clothing, gloves and hard-soled shoes. Put on your orange safety vest before leaving your vehicle.

DO work only during daylight hours and in fair weather.

DO avoid animals and/or noxious weeds. Contact DeIDOT for dead animal removal.