

ADOPT-A-ROAD

A program of the King County Road Services Division

SAFETY RULES

Volunteers in the **King County ADOPT-A-ROAD Program** must comply with the following **ADOPT-A-ROAD Safety Rules**. The following list is not all inclusive and is not a substitute for common sense; volunteer group leaders and volunteers agree to make safety the first priority during **ADOPT-A-ROAD** cleanups.

- Wear the safety hat and vest provided at all times.
- Be prepared for any unexpected behavior of motorists. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Clean only one side of the road at a time and walk facing on-coming traffic. Place the “Volunteer Litter Crew Ahead” warning sign facing traffic at the start of the section of roadway being cleaned.
- Do not stand or jump on guardrails, drainage pipes, or concrete walls.
- Never enter the roadway to pick up trash.
- Do not wear headphones.
- Do not drink alcohol prior to or while participating in clean-up events.
- Do not handle hazardous materials such as car batteries, petroleum products and chemical spills, heavy or unwieldy objects, dead animals, broken glass, needles and drug paraphernalia, or any unidentified questionable items. Such items should be reported to the ADOPT-A-ROAD Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Know emergency procedures such as the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly summon the police or an ambulance.
- Be supplied with a first aid kit provided by the Department.
- Notify Volunteer Group Leader of all known allergies and any physical infirmities prior to participation.
- Avoid overexertion and heat related problems by drinking water and taking breaks.
- Carpool to the litter pickup site and pull vehicles as far off the side of the road as possible. Vehicles should never be parked on the traveled portion of the roadway.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, thick-soled shoes or boots, and gloves.
- Perform cleanup activities only during daylight hours and when weather is conducive to good visibility.
- Avoid peak traffic hours and extreme inclement weather conditions.
- Stay clear of all construction areas.
- Avoid all horseplay or demonstrations of any nature. Do not distract drivers.
- Be careful of contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, or stray/wild animals.
- Report all accidents or injuries to the Volunteer Group Leader immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact the ADOPT-A-ROAD Program staff at (206) 296-3807.



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