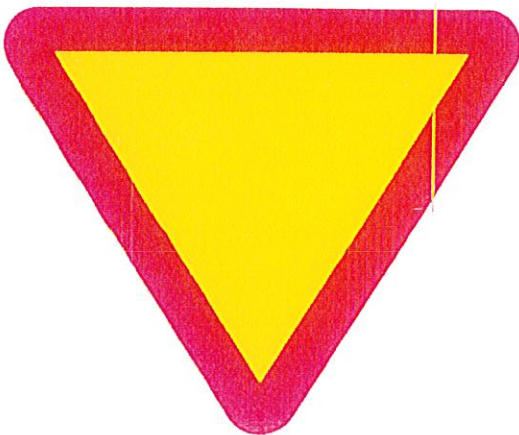


Adopt~a~Highway

SAFETY

TIPS



WHILE YOU WORK

- ◆ Work only during daylight hours during good weather.
- ◆ Work one side of the road at a time. Begin with the side facing oncoming traffic, cross the road only when its time to go back the other direction.
- ◆ Stay alert and be prepared to move out of the way in an emergency. Stay with your team.
- ◆ Do not wear headsets which could prevent you from hearing traffic or other hazards.
- ◆ Do not crush collected trash to make more room in the bag; broken or jagged objects could cause accidental injuries. Do not put syringes or hypodermic needles in the trash bag as they can easily puncture the bag and cause serious injury. Take care to dispose of them properly or return them to the County Transportation Department for disposal.
- ◆ Do not horse around or do anything to purposely distract drivers.

REMEMBER

A highway is a dangerous place to be. Every crew member should possess these qualifications:

- ◆ At least 12 years of age, unless otherwise permitted
- ◆ Mentally alert; good common sense
- ◆ Good physical condition, including sight and hearing
- ◆ Sense of responsibility for safety of self and others
- ◆ Supervision for workers under age 18

PLAN AHEAD

- ◆ Review safety precautions and take them seriously.
- ◆ 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 done.
- ◆ Car pool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles along the road. Park vehicles on the shoulder in advance of the area or along a side-road near the work area. Park in driveways only if previously approved by the property owner.
- ◆ Bring along an adequate first aid kit. Identify the nearest hospital and know how to get there in an emergency.
- ◆ Don't overexert yourself. Bring along a supply of drinking water and take breaks.

WHAT TO AVOID

- ◆ Stay away from construction sites, mowing activities, open water, bridges, or areas with very rough terrain which could be dangerous for pedestrians.
- ◆ Avoid poison ivy or other noxious weeds. Stay away from recently applied herbicides.
- ◆ Never try to pick up heavy, large or hazardous materials. Notify the Transportation Department for pickup.

WHAT TO WEAR

- ◆ Heavy gloves
- ◆ Heavy leather shoes or boots
- ◆ Light-colored clothing; brightly colored cap
- ◆ Hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn; sun screen; insect or tick repellent
- ◆ High-visibility vests



Adopt-a-Highway is a public service program for volunteers to pick up litter along Minnesota highways.

For more information about
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