

ATTACHMENT--B

PennDOT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS **SAFETY BRIEFING BEFORE PICKUP:**

- Have ALL Traffic signs, high visibility vests, hats, & gloves assembled and distributed, with extra quantities if needed;
- Have 'LITTER CREW AHEAD' signs properly placed;
- Know emergency procedures such as the location of the nearest emergency facility and how to quickly summon the police or an ambulance;
- Provide their own First-Aid Kit, and include kit with other supplies during litter pickups;
- Avoid overexertion and heat problems by drinking water and taking breaks;
- Carpool to the litter pickup site;
- Wear the recommended attire: long-sleeves, blue jeans or long pants, leather shoes or boots, and gloves;
- Be careful of contact with poison plants, bees, wasps, hornets, fire ants and snakes. The recommended attire will usually prevent irritations from most plants;
- Pay special attention to the handling of broken glass. Participants must be careful not to step or kneel on broken glass;
- Be aware of visibility problems;
- Be prepared for any unexpected behavior of motorists;
- Park vehicles a safe distance from the traveled roadway;
- Attempt to walk facing on-coming traffic;
- Not stand or jump on guide rail, drainage pipes or concrete walls;

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Participants shall:

- Pickup one side at a time when cleaning a multi-lane highway with a median. Vehicles shall remain on the same side of the highway as the participants.
- Never cross over or pick up trash on the traveled pavement.
- Upon arriving at the work site, immediately display PennDOT's official "Litter Crew Ahead" safety sign in advance of pickup site.
- Not possess or drink alcoholic beverages.
- Use PennDOT safety training materials.
- Conduct at least one safety orientation meeting during the year.
- Provide appropriate and adequate adult supervision when youth groups are involved in litter pickups; that is one adult per eight participants between the ages of 8 and 17.
- Avoid peak traffic hours and extreme inclement weather conditions.
- Stay clear of all construction areas.
- Conduct pre-pickup safety talks.
- Avoid all horseplay or demonstrations of any nature on the right of way.
- Wear the safety vest provided by PennDOT.
- Avoid hazardous materials such as old car batteries, any unidentified questionable items and animal carcasses.
- Be aware of all known allergies of volunteers before participation.

Litter

- Do not compact trash bags because injuries from sharp or broken objects can occur.
- Do not try to pick up tires and heavy objects.
- Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to have heavy objects and tires picked up.
- Pile trash bags in a visible area and notify PennDOT to pick them up.
- Learn more about litter on our [Litter Facts page](#)

Never pick up:

- Antifreeze
- Abandoned barrels
- Broken automotive batteries
- Bulging or dented containers
- Chemical containers
- Containers of unidentifiable materials or leaking an unknown substance
- Dead animals
- Gas cans
- Hypodermic needles
- Materials that appear to be hazardous
- Narcotics
- Paint cans
- Pesticide/herbicide containers
- Propane tanks
- Unidentifiable containers
- Used oil

Hazardous Conditions

Unfortunately, you may come across unsafe or even hazardous items as part of cleaning up litter and beautifying Pennsylvania's highways. If you find a gun, knife or any weapon, do not touch it. Note the location and tell your group leader so your group leader can call the police immediately.

If you find any syringes, which are considered biohazardous materials, do not touch them. Note the location and again tell your group leader so your group leader can call the police immediately.

If you see any items that have radioactive or biohazard symbols on them, do not touch them. Note the location, tell your group leader and then your group leader can call the police.