



HOW TO STAY SAFE WHILE VOLUNTEERING

General Safety Gear

Provided by One Seattle Day of Service:

- Safety Vest (to be worn at all times!)
- Nitril Gloves
- Litter Grabber

Strongly recommended:

- Long pants and long sleeve shirts
- Boots or sturdy shoes

General Volunteer Safety Guidelines

Be Street Safe	Do not go into the roadway, median, or roundabout to remove litter. Stay off bridges and rocky, steep, unstable slopes, guardrails, or concrete walls. Avoid construction and utility work sites. Stay on public property at all times.
Use proper tools	Use litter grabber as much as possible rather than using your hands; dangerous litter may not be visible; watch for nails, syringes, broken glass, or other sharp objects
Pay Attention	Be prepared for any unexpected behavior from motorists; Do not wear headphones; No horseplay or pranks; Do not use alcohol or mind-altering substances prior to, or while participating in clean-up events; Only work during daylight hours; Watch children carefully
Take breaks!	Make sure you and your crew are drinking water and taking breaks frequently to avoid overexertion and heat related problems;

Emergency Procedures

- Report all accidents or injuries to the Event Leader immediately.
- If you encounter a dangerous situation such as harassment from others, leave the area and dial 9-1-1 for assistance.

How to Handle Unsafe & Dangerous Litter

When cleaning up in public spaces, please remember to be respectful of persons experiencing homelessness and to leave camps and personal property items in place. Be mindful of personal safety and do not clean within 20 feet of tents and encampments. To report camping on City property, contact the Customer Service Bureau (CSB) via webform at <http://seattle.gov/customerservice> or telephone at 206-684-CITY (2489)

One Seattle Day of Service volunteers are NOT expected or encouraged to handle dangerous or unsafe litter items and should only collect these items if he/she/they feel completely comfortable and safe doing so. In those situations, we encourage volunteers to also take necessary safety precautions.

Some examples of unsafe litter may include:

- litter that is not fully visible
- dead animals
- condoms, human waste, broken glass, heavy objects
- Needles
- hazardous products, propane tanks, gas canisters, etc.
- Firearms and other weapons (if found, contact the police immediately at 9-1-1 or (206) 625-5011)

Please report the above items via the Find It, Fix It App or the Illegal Dumping Hotline (206) 684-7587.