

City of Mandan
SAFETY TIPS FOR ADOPT-A-STREET GROUPS

REMEMBER: You are working in a dangerous environment-a public right-of-way (ROW)

- Crew members should possess the following minimum qualifications:
 - 1) Average intelligence.
 - 2) Good physical condition, including sight and hearing.
 - 3) Mental alertness.
 - 4) A sense of responsibility for safety of public and crew.
- Knives, machetes, axes, etc. should not be carried by crew members. Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash sacks to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the sack with what goes in easily and then get another bag.
- Park all vehicles well clear of the roadway and at least 10 feet from the shoulder's surface.
- Do not walk across roadways. Use the crosswalks.
- Stay off rip rap and street slopes.

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Whenever possible, face oncoming traffic while you work. Be prepared to move out of the way of errant vehicles.
- Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility, wet/icy roads, during electrical storms, and during other than daylight conditions.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.

WHAT TO WEAR:

- Wear light-colored clothing at all times when working on the right-of-way.
- Wear heavy gloves.
- Watch for footing. Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support.
- Wear a hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn. You may wish to use a sunscreen lotion on sunny days.

SOME THINGS TO STAY AWAY FROM:

- Do not attempt to remove unknown or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. This could include meth by-products such as containers with hoses duct taped to spouts, empty starter fluid cans, propane tanks with discolored valves, or coffee filters, or gabs containing a grayish/white substance. Notify the City of Mandan of the location of such items immediately.
- Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas, paved or unpaved, to pick up trash.
- Pick up pop bottles and similar containers only with great care. They may contain HUMAN WASTE.
- *Do not pick up discarded syringes, hypodermic needles, or broken glass.*

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- Every crew should possess an adequate first aid kit. Be prepared for serious injury; select an emergency room/hospital and know the route from the work area to the designated treatment center.
- Every crew should have transportation immediately available.
- If possible, bring a cellular phone or CB radio with a fully-charged battery.