



## Omnitrans Adopt-a-Stop Program Volunteer Safety Guidelines



It is highly recommended that volunteers review and understand all safety guidelines every time they perform volunteer duties. Failure to follow safety guidelines can be cause for removal from the Adopt-a-Stop volunteer program. The Adopt-a-Stop Volunteer Safety Guidelines may be updated from time to time and are available on the Omnitrans Adopt-a-Stop webpage.

- Group Representative is responsible for ensuring members of the group follow safety guidelines and have completed the required safety orientation. Minors must be supervised at all times by an adult while performing volunteer duties.
- Wear a safety vest at all times, as well as comfortable, protective clothing and shoes. During the hot summer months, it is also highly recommended to be prepared for the hot weather conditions, including ensuring adequate hydration. Perform all volunteer duties during daylight hours.
- Do not stand or walk directly at the edge of the curb adjacent to the roadway.
- Do not enter the roadway except when crossing the street at a legal crosswalk.
- Obey all traffic rules while accessing the bus stop to perform volunteer duties.
- Do not touch dangerous items, such as hypodermic needles, suspicious packages, or other hazardous materials. Instead, report them immediately to the Omnitrans Adopt-a-Stop coordinator.
- Never reach blindly to pick up an item without first identifying what it is. Wearing gloves is highly recommended, as is using a litter pickup stick or a broom and dustpan to pick up litter.
- Do not intervene or approach individuals suspected of doing suspicious or illegal activities. Instead, these instances should be reported to law enforcement and Omnitrans Adopt-a-Stop coordinator immediately.
- Do not wear headphones or use electronic devices while performing volunteer duties. Stay alert at all times.
- Do not over-exert yourself.
- Do not fill a trash bag too full (more than about 10 pounds).
- If driving to the bus stop to perform volunteer duties, do not park immediately at the bus stop where the bus stops adjacent to the curb. Park only in legal on-street or off-street parking spaces. Omnitrans will not be responsible for any parking tickets or other traffic violations incurred while performing volunteer duties, or damage to vehicles. It is highly recommended to take transit to perform volunteer duties, or to carpool with other volunteers to minimize the number of cars if performing volunteer duties with a group.

*Thank you for being a Trash Buster!*