

**In case of EMERGENCY,
call 911**

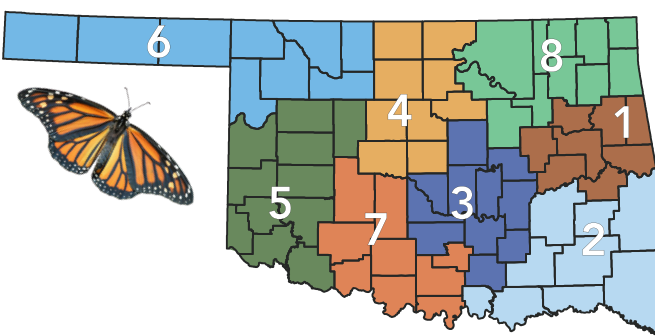
- Every crew should possess an adequate first aid kit. Be prepared for serious injury: select an emergency room hospital, and know the route from the work area to the designated treatment center.
- Every crew should have transportation immediately available.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

DEQ - COMPLAINT HOTLINE
1.800.522.0206
POISON CONTROL1.800.222.1222
LITTER HOT-LINE1.888.5LITTER

**For more information, contact your
local ODOT Field District:**

District 1 (Muskogee)..... 918.687.5407
 District 2 (Antlers) 580.298.3371
 District 3 (Ada) 580.332.1526
 District 4 (Perry) 580.336.7340
 District 5 (Clinton) 580.323.1431
 District 6 (Buffalo) 580.735.2561
 District 7 (Duncan) 580.255.7586
 District 8 (Tulsa) 918.838.9933
 Annex (Oklahoma & Canadian Co.)... 405.475.0152



**THANKS for helping beautify
our state!**

“The Mission of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation is to provide a safe, economical and effective transportation network for the people, and commerce communities of Oklahoma”



Tim Gatz,
Executive Director

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**SAFETY
TIPS**

**For the
Adopt-A-Highway Program**



To get the anti-litter message across more effectively, personally pick up litter and "KEEP OUR LAND GRAND"



- The Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Adopt - A - Highway program is part of a litter reduction campaign began in the summer of 1987.
- Each volunteer group assumes responsibility for a two-mile section of highway and agrees to remove litter a minimum of four times a year during a two-year period. ODOT installs permanent signs identifying the adopting group, and provides ANSI certified safety vests, trash bags, removal of filled bags, removal of large, heavy, or hazardous items in unusual circumstances, temporary traffic control signs, and initial safety training.
- The enthusiasm resulting from the partnership of volunteers and ODOT is helping to give the appearance of a state where people really care!

WHAT TO WEAR

- Light-colored clothing and ANSI certified safety vest at all times when working on the highway right of way.
- Heavy gloves. Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles, or hazardous waste.
- Watch your footing and wear outdoor leather shoes or boots with ankle support. Stay off rocky & steep slopes.
- A hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn. On sunny days, you may wish to use sunscreen on exposed skin. Use bug spray when you are in tall grass/weeds.



REMEMBER: SAFETY FIRST

- Remember: You are working in a dangerous environment, a public highway.
- Crew members should possess the following minimum qualifications:
 1. Good common sense
 2. Good physical condition, including sight and hearing
 3. Mental alertness
 4. A sense of responsibility for safety of public and crew
 5. Must be at least 15 years old, with adult supervision.
- Crew members are not allowed to carry weapons while on state property. This includes, but is not limited to firearms, knives, machetes, axes, etc.
- Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash bags to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the bag with what goes in easily and then get another bag.
- Park all vehicles well clear of the roadway and at least ten feet from the shoulder's surface.
- Keep vehicles on the same side of the highway as volunteers.
- Work ONE SIDE of highway at a time.
- Car pool to side to reduce number of vehicles parked on right-of-way.



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 vehicles in an emergency.

- Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility and wet/icy roads.
- Work during daylight hours ONLY.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.
- Post a lookout to be aware of traffic situations.
- Have a refresher session on safety awareness each time a crew goes out.
- Do not cross traveled sections of roadway.
- Avoid using headsets and phones. They will interfere with hearing oncoming traffic or other potential hazards.

SOME THINGS TO STAY AWAY FROM

- Do not touch or attempt to remove known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. Notify the Department of Transportation or the local Police Department with the location of such items immediately.
- BE ALERT! Avoid areas where snakes may hide, such as tall grass, old logs, or heaps of brush. Be equally alert for stinging insects and especially fire ants.
- Avoid contact with poison ivy, poison oak and other noxious weeds.
- Avoid areas where herbicides have been applied the same day.
- Do not attempt to pick up items on bridges, in tunnels, or on overpasses. These areas are especially dangerous to pedestrian workers.
- Do not pick up litter during mowing, maintenance or construction activities.
- Do not enter roadway or shoulder areas, paved or unpaved, to pick up litter.

