

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Never touch any suspected drug paraphernalia. Look out for closed coolers or bottles filled with a mysterious liquid, as these are common meth lab materials.



POISONOUS PLANTS

Always plan your next step, especially when picking up in wooded areas with thick brush. Familiarize yourself with poisonous plant identification so you know what to avoid.



WILDLIFE

Wear closed-toed shoes and tall socks to protect yourself from ticks and other insects. Look out for other wildlife and avoid approaching.



SHARP OBJECTS

Look out for broken glass or other sharp objects. If you are wearing thick gloves, you can carefully place the items in a designated separate trash bag or box.



UNIDENTIFIABLE SPILLS

If you find a probable toxic waste spill, do not attempt to clean it. Immediately report the spill to the SCDHEC response line at 888-481-0125.



WEAPONS

Alert local authorities if you come across weapons, especially firearms. Do not move them or attempt to pick them up.



USED HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Be aware of used sanitary pads, diapers, and condoms or any other potential biohazards.



FUEL/OIL CONTAINERS

Avoid or use extra caution when handling gas cans, propane tanks, oil cans, and antifreeze containers.



DO:

- Walk facing traffic
- Bring a first aid kit
- Keep cell phone with you, but only use in emergencies
- Drink plenty of water
- Pick up during daylight hours
- Practice extra caution when navigating slippery/ rocky terrain
- Take breaks
- Wear sunscreen and insect repellent
- Work in teams
- Wear closed toe shoes

DON'T:

- Wear headphones which can impede you from hearing oncoming traffic
- Pick up when under the influence of drugs or alcohol which can alter your mind, judgment, and balance
- Pick up when the heat index is over 100 degrees
- Pick up during inclement weather
- Move heavy objects alone
- Forget to wash your hands after cleaning up
- Overfill bags



TRAINING

Before your event, invite PalmettoPride to speak to your group about safety guidelines. Contact info@palmettopride.org for more information.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

You need a reflective safety vest and thick, heavy duty gloves. Grabbers can help to reach tough spots. Ensure your bags are heavy duty and not overfilled to prevent ripping.



SEE IT, REPORT IT

PalmettoPride sponsors a statewide Litter Busters Hotline so you can report litterbugs. Report an illegal dumpsite to 1-877-7-LITTER!