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 treatment center.
- Every crew should have transportation immediately available.

SAFETY TIPS

More information is available online at:
www.stormwaterhawaii.com/community/adopt
Nothing gets the message of stopping litter across more effectively than personally picking it up! Now that your group has made the commitment to clean up Hawaii, here are some important tips to keep in mind. Your safety is the top priority. The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation will provide you with bright orange safety vests, trash bags, and gloves. The State will pick up filled trash bags after your clean-up event. You need to supply the common sense and remember the following rules of the road. Your enthusiasm and hard work to keep our state highways trash-free truly demonstrates the spirit of aloha!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS MUST:
- Be in good physical condition, including good eyesight and hearing
- Be mentally alert
- Be responsible for their own safety and the safety of their crew.
- Be at least 12 years old. Groups under 18 must have two adults per ten volunteers present at all times.

FOR YOUR SAFETY:
- Knives, machetes, axes and similar objects should not be carried by crew members.
- Don’t attempt to compact trash sacks to make room for more. Injuries from broken or jagged objects often result from this practice. Fill the sack with what goes in easily-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 the volunteers.
  - Work one side of the highway at a time.
- Car pool to the clean up site to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS
- Conduct a refresher session on safety awareness each time a crew goes out.
- Whenever possible, face oncoming traffic while you work. Be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in an emergency.
- Don’t work in bad weather.
- Work during daylight hours only.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water.
- Do not cross traveled sections of roadway.
- Avoid using headsets: they could interfere with your ability to hear oncoming traffic or warnings.

WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR?
- Your Adopt-A-Highway t-shirts or safety vests.
- Wear covered shoes (no slippers!)
- Gloves are recommended.
- Wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

THINGS TO STAY AWAY FROM
- Do not attempt to remove known or suspected toxic/hazardous substances. Do not move sharp, large, or heavy items that may cause physical injury if moved. Notify the Transportation Department or the police of the location of such items immediately.
- Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.
- Avoid areas where herbicides were applied that day.
- Do not pick up items on bridges, in tunnels, or on overpasses. These areas are especially dangerous for pedestrian workers.
- Stay clear of any mowing operations and maintenance/construction activities.
- Do not enter the roadway or its shoulder areas to pick up trash.