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BVCS Litter-a-thon Safety Protocols (May 2024)

The following safety protocols will be observed:

- **Protective gear:** All participants (students, parents, caregivers, etc.) will wear all of the following equipment for the duration of our time in this activity:
 - High visibility vests (BVCS will supply);
 - Gloves (BVCS will supply);
 - Appropriate footwear (no open shoes, sandals, flip flops, etc.);
 - Appropriate clothing (long pants, rain/sun protection, etc.)
- **Off roadways:** At no time will students be on the paved roadway except when crossing to continue work on the opposite side of their section. Such crossings will be kept to an absolute minimum, will be properly supervised by adults, will only take place when they are unlikely to cause disruption (slowing, stopped, swerving, etc.) to the flow of traffic and in locations that provide drivers and litter-a-thon participants with clear views of one another;
- **Ages:** This event is intended for BVCS students in grades 8 and up.
- **Pairs:** Students must work in groups (minimum group size: 2). No student will at any time be permitted to work alone.
- **Supervision:** Students will be supervised by staff and/or adult volunteers. Supervision will be regular but may be intermittent.
- **Transportation:** BVCS will arrange transportation using the school bus and/or private vehicles.
- **Safety Meeting:** BVCS will arrange for a representative of Dawson Road Maintenance (DRM) to visit the school to meet with Team Leaders. This representative will provide detailed work instructions and review safety procedures, including:
 - a. Volunteers are not to pick up discarded needles or any items that appear to have blood on them.
 - b. Volunteers should be aware that animal carcasses might carry diseases so they should not be touched, locations to be identified and brought to attention of DRM representative.
 - c. Work to be done in groups of at least two volunteers. Those working within a two metre distance of the road/shoulder must wear high-visibility vests. Volunteers without vests must remain at least two-metres away from the drop of road/shoulder.
 - d. Volunteers not to cross highway unless absolutely necessary and when safe to do so (i.e., no criss-crossing of highway for litter-up; remain on one side only).
 - e. A responsible Team Leader must accompany and supervise each group of litter pickers at all times. Frequent checks on all volunteers are to be made at no less than 60-minute intervals to ensure compliance.
 - f. A DRM supervisor or manager must be notified immediately of any safety related incidents (DRM representative is Dallas Oben: 250-877-2806)
 - g. Team leaders will sign Meeting Attendance Record to acknowledge instructions given.