

Abandoned & Neglected Cemetery Volunteer Work

Safety Precautions

As we work to cleanup and restore our Texas Historic Abandoned and Neglected Cemeteries, we request that all workers exercise caution so that we can prevent this day from being marred by any injury.

The following is a list of Safety Precautions and Tips that will help us make this day a great success for all our participants:

1. Watch out for vehicular traffic.
2. Exercise care and caution when operating or working in an area near Lawnmowers, Weed Eaters, and any motorized equipment.
3. Be on the watch for snakes around logs, tall grass, and other places where they may exist.
4. Under no circumstances should you attempt to pick up syringes, hypodermic needles, and/or materials in paper bags placed near grave markers by unauthorized persons.
5. Avoid contact with Poison Ivy and/or Poison Oak.
6. Be alert to the presence of stinging insects, especially fire ants.
7. Do not attempt to compact (squeeze) trash bags to gain room for more trash. Injuries from broken glass or jagged objects often occur as a result of this practice. Fill the bag with what goes in easily and then get another bag — we have plenty to go around!
8. Be careful to recognize your own body physical limitations. Take breaks for water and refreshments.
9. First Aid Kits are available should minor injuries occur.
10. Students and other Volunteers under the age of 18 are exclusively prohibited from operating any motorized lawn cutting equipment, chainsaws, and any use of machetes and/or knives.

Special Note:

Please place aluminum cans into separate bags so that they can be recycled and used again. Ask Preservation Supervisors for assistance when uncertain about anything during your volunteering experience.