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- Beach-Specific Safety:
 - Do not enter sand dunes as they are protected land. Do not approach turtle or bird nests.
 - Do not approach or pick up any live or dead wildlife, and move away if wildlife approaches you.
 - Reference the Safety Resources document for how to report dead, aggressive, entangled, or endangered wildlife.

Waterway Cleanups:

- Alligator Safety:
 - Normally, alligators are peaceful creatures towards people. It's very rare than any become a danger or problem to us. If an alligator is left alone, it will almost always leave you alone.
 - Don't collect any water samples or clean near waterways during dusk or dawn as this is when they're most active.
 - Be aware that there can be alligators in any body of water in this area; just be vigilant when next to a body of water.
 - Stay away from water-side fish-feeding stations and don't feed, harass, or bother alligators in any way.
 - Alligators tend to move away if a person approaches. If the alligator stands its ground or approaches you, move away. Reference the Safety Resources document for how to report an aggressive alligator or other wildlife issue.
- Canoe and Kayak Safety:
 - Always wear your life jacket.
 - Do not stand up or walk around in your boat while it is away from the shore. Stay low!
 - Avoid jerky movements or leaning far over the side, as it could cause the boat to tip over.
 - When entering and exiting always keep a point of contact with the boat.
 - It is advised to always boat in pairs.

Review the included Safety Resources document for all types of events.



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Land Cleanups:

- No one performing cleanups, invasive removals, beautifications, or other projects should be using intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs.
- Be aware of your surroundings and minimize distractions. Please look out for your fellow volunteers. Work in pairs when possible.
- Protect your feet, wear closed-toe shoes, and wear weather appropriate clothing.
- Remind volunteers to stay hydrated, especially in summer months. KPB will provide igloo water coolers if needed.
- The group leader must be prepared for emergencies.
 - Have a first aid kit available.
 - Know where the nearest emergency center is located and how to get there from your cleanup area. Reference the Safety Resources document for important links and phone numbers.
 - After the emergency is handled please inform the Executive Director, Patricia DePlasco, at KPB by calling (813) 598-8803.
- Always be aware of traffic in parking lots and roadways. Remember to walk facing oncoming traffic and please maintain a safe distance from the actual roadway. Always wear a safety vest when working near roadways.
- Do not overfill trash bags. Tie off bags when finished with them. Don't swing the bags while you're walking.
- Do not open bottles that contain liquids. Refer to the Safety Document for what to do with materials that cannot go in the garbage (ex. paint, coolant, gasoline).
- Gloves should be provided to all volunteers and highly encouraged. Use caution when picking up broken glass or other hazardous materials. Place hazardous medical waste in a sharps container if you are comfortable. If a sharps container is not available, place objects in an empty plastic bottle with a cap, needle facing up if applicable.
- Avoid difficult or dangerous terrain and places where snakes, fire ants, or other dangerous species may be located.

Immediately report any toxic/hazardous item, syringes, weapons, or other harmful items to the group leader, and allow the group leader to assess.

