

**NCDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**  
**LITTER PICKUP SAFETY RULES FOR**  
**BRIDGES, MEDIANS, OVERPASSES AND TUNNELS**

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Adopt-A-Highway volunteers are prohibited from picking up litter on bridges, highway medians, overpasses and underpasses, and in tunnels because of safety reasons:

1. Traffic flow in lanes on both sides of a median does not provide a safe environment for pedestrians.
2. Tunnels typically have from 2 to 3 feet of pavement between the road lane and the walls of the tunnel. This is not enough space to provide safety for any pedestrian in the tunnel. In addition many tunnels are curved and there is limited vision within the tunnel for a pedestrian or a driver of a vehicle.

To ensure safety when DOT personnel perform work in a tunnel, the tunnel is closed to traffic until the work has been completed and the workers have left the tunnel.

3. Bridges and overpasses typically have from 1 foot to 10 feet of pavement between the road lane and the railing. This is not enough space to provide an area of safety or access to an area of safety for a pedestrian or a vehicle in the event of an accident or a dangerous driving situation on the roadway.
4. Roadsides underneath an overpass are unsafe locations for pedestrians. They are not wide enough to insure an area of safety. Typically columns bar a clear view of road traffic and right-of-ways.
5. For general safety, pedestrians should stay at least 5 feet from the road.