Safety Tips

**General Tips:**
Be sure the activity is age-appropriate for your participants.

Establish rules and a code of conduct for the activity and share these with parents, members, and leaders.

Provide adequate numbers of adults to supervise the activity – at least 1 adult for every 10 youth. A lower ratio of younger members to adults may be necessary.

Have parents complete informed consent forms and health forms.

Compile a list of emergency contact numbers.

Take out special activities accident/medical insurance for the event.

Plan for weather-related risks.

Have a first aid kit and cell phone handy.

Alert the public that you will be conducting this activity (place, date, and time) and to be on the look out for youth.

Use all of these strategies to develop your risk management plan for your event.

**Tips for Litter Pick Up:**
Have members wear gloves and possibly reflective clothing when picking up litter.

Encourage members to ask for assistance when picking up heavy items.

Be sure members wash their hands before and after litter pick up.

Avoid animals in the area to prevent bites or scratches.

Discuss expectations about protecting the property and area you are cleaning.

Be sure that if you sign agreements to conduct litter pick up that they does not contain a “hold harmless” clause.

**Tips for Pet Wash:**
Survey site for hazards.

Be sure you have the appropriate materials and supplies.

Be sure pet owners supervise/control their animals and have them on a leash.

Encourage members to wear clothing that can get wet and dirty.