



American Rivers
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Sample Safety Speech

“Today is going to be a fun day; however we need to take a moment to talk about safety.

Please be very careful with sharp items. Needles and pieces of glass can cut through your bag and therefore should be placed in our “sharps” container. (Use an empty detergent bottle).

Please do not empty out containers that are sealed tight. We understand that this might weigh down your bags however it is better that the contained liquid stay out of the water.

Use common sense when picking up items. Remember, you do not have to pick up anything you do not want to. Let me or a team leader know and we’ll come remove it.

Keep your gloves and shoes on until the end. If anyone finds any type of hazardous materials like batteries, gas cans and ammunition please let one of the main organizers know immediately.

Thank you.”