

ASP's 3- Ss

Sensitivity, Safety, Stewardship

Give a copy of this to every volunteer in your group!

Sensitivity

1. Dress appropriately as outlined in ASP's **Expectations, Rules, and Regulations**.
2. Meet/talk with your family before unloading.
3. Ask for their ideas and advice; encourage them to join in the work, if they are able.
4. Keep reactions to yourself that might hurt or insult the family. Use terms such as "repair" or "replace" rather than "tear out" or "gut" to help minimize the family's stress level.
5. Be sensitive to the family's need for space and privacy. Ask before venturing into new areas of the home. **Remember, you are a guest.**
6. Do not bring cameras to the home until a relationship has been established (perhaps by Thursday of your week). Take pictures of people whom you want to remember and get the family's address so you can send them copies of your pictures, too. Do not take "before" and "after" pictures of your work.
7. Have lunch at your site. Pack extra sandwiches to share with your family; try not to waste food.
8. Be sure to put drop cloths on the family's belongings before you start work. Put things back the way you found them each day before you leave.
9. Take care of your center.
10. Do not mention the name of your family when you are out in the county; help maintain their privacy.

Safety

1. Use power tools with respect. **Always, always** unplug them when not in use.
2. Take breaks throughout the day and drink lots of water.
3. Use ladders safely and take them down when not in use.
4. Beware of "critters:" snakes, ticks, bees, and other creatures. Carefully lift pieces of wood, after inspecting the other side.
5. Please don't goof around at the work site.
Accidents may happen and you will be insensitive to your family.
Use tools the way they are intended to be used.
6. Make sure you have a First-aid kit in each vehicle – you will probably need it! Also have medical release forms in each vehicle.
7. Drive cautiously and be aware of curves and coal trucks.
8. Wear hard hats, goggles, and work gloves, as needed.
9. Do not leave people at a work site without a vehicle.

- If one person needs to leave for any reason, everyone leaves!**
10. When roofing, always have at least one driver on the ground in the event of an emergency.



Stewardship

1. No paint, mud, water, or staple fights (or anything else imaginable). Again maintain sensitivity to the family you are serving.
2. Plan ahead to use materials in the most economical way. Use the “this old house” adage: **measure twice, cut once.**
3. Ask the staff before agreeing to do anything not previously discussed.
4. Clean your tools everyday, including mud knives and paint brushes. Be careful not to contaminate the family’s water source.
5. Use the right tool for the job.



YOU ONLY GET TO KEEP WHAT YOU GIVE AWAY.

It's a universal law: You have to give before you get.
You must plant your seeds before you reap the harvest.
The more you sow, the more you will reap.
In giving to others, you will find yourself blessed.
The law works to give you back more than you have sown.
The giver's harvest is always full.
Those that obtain have little.
Those who scatter have much.
Nature does not give to those who will not spend.