

Safety Tips

2025 PIT Unsheltered Observation Count Volunteers

January 22, 2025

11pm-1am

Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to help Hennepin County complete the 2025 Point in Time (PIT) Count. In the spirit of keeping everyone informed and safe as we canvas our communities in search for our unhoused neighbors, here are a few tips from the those who have conducted many an Observation Count.

- Map your route in advance and drive it during the day.
- Share your route with a friend or family member.
- Ensure you have your phone and that it is charged.
- Two people are required in the car during the observation.
- Conduct your count from inside your car. Please do not get out of the car.
- If you have any questions about the count, please contact Dani at 612-543-0476.
- If you witness or experience an emergency, please call 9-1-1.
- If you see something or feel unsafe, please drive to a safe place before calling 9-1-1.
- Capture your data on your survey as you go when it is fresh. One reason we require two participants per car is so one can focus on driving and the other can focus on capturing data and writing it on the survey.