

## Color Run Safety and Protocol

### Route Selection:

- Multiple pre-determined routes have been established for 5K races on campus
- Three routes have been designated as appropriate for Color Run races, with pre-determined color throwing stations along the route
- Route selection must be made with BGSU Police

### Color Powder:

- Color powder must be: non-toxic, comprised only of corn starch, baking soda, and FD&C or D&C grade dyes
- Only color POWDER can be used – color blasters, color foam, or any type of spray color is STRICTLY PROHIBITED
- Color powder can be purchased in bulk quantities or individually bagged
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) should be requested from the vendor
- Recommended vendors: [wholesalecolorpowder.com](http://wholesalecolorpowder.com); [purcolour.com](http://purcolour.com)
- Both websites provide guidelines for the amount of powder needed

### Safety Guidelines:

- All participants must sign the university liability waiver
- Only use powder outdoors, in open, well-ventilated areas
- Never throw powder near open flames (grills, smoking) or near high heat sources (stage lights, electronic equipment)
- A water or dry chemical fire extinguisher is required on-site – never use a CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) extinguisher for outside dust fires
- Alcohol and smoking are prohibited
- Only hand-thrown, powder form color may be used – never use spray powder of any kind
- Do not throw powder toward runner's face, target shirt and lower
- SDS sheets for the color powder should be on-site to provide to first responders in case of an emergency
- Color should only be thrown in the designated areas; color should NEVER be thrown near stage lighting, vendor booths, or other possible ignition sources

### Recommendations for Runners:

- Protect feet with closed toe shoes
- Protect eyes with sunglasses or goggles
- Protect mouth with a bandana or dust mask
- Protect electronics in plastic bags or plastic wrap
- Protect light colored hair with leave-in conditioner or oil (coconut/olive)