

Beach Litter Pick Risk Assessment



Date of Assessment:	Assessed by:	Venue:
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What is the task, activity, person or environment you are assessing?
Litter pick to be undertaken by volunteers at the above venue.

What hazards are present or may be generated?	Who might be harmed by the hazards and how?	What control measures/ precautions are in place to eliminate or reduce the risk?	Is the residual risk acceptable?		If no to the previous question, what additional control measures/ precautions are needed to manage the risk?	Additional control measures implemented:		
			Yes	No		Action by whom?	Action by when?	Date complete
High tides or mud at coastal sites	Volunteers Drowning, exhaustion / dehydration from getting stuck in mud	Organiser to check tide times. Organiser to brief volunteers of the risks associated with beach litter picks, and advise that all participants should stay on the sand and not attempt to walk out into the mud.	Yes					
Volunteers becoming separated from group and getting lost	Volunteers Risk to personal safety	Litter pick to take place within a designated area and volunteers advised to stay in groups or pairs.	Yes					
Dangerous or toxic litter	Volunteers Injuries from sharp objects, risk of infection from dog faeces etc,	Volunteers to use litter pickers and gloves and wear suitable footwear. Organisers to brief participants on associated risks and advise them not to pick up hypodermic needles.	Yes					

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	possibility of needlestick injuries	Organiser to dispose of needles only if they have a suitable sharps container and are aware of safety guidelines. Organiser to contact Council to report any needles that need to be collected and disposed of as clinical waste Tel 01934 622 669						
Hazards as a result of the environment, eg uneven or loose ground, rocks, nearby roads	Volunteers Injuries caused by slips, trips or falls, collision with vehicle.	Organiser will have visited the site in advance to check for any such hazards and will brief participants. Should any areas be too hazardous this area will be excluded from the litter pick and participants advised to stay clear.	Yes					
Rubbish bags left lying around	Volunteers and public	Filled bags to be taken to agreed collection point and sensibly stacked to avoid trip hazards/falling bags	Yes					