

## Risk Assessment – 2 minute beach clean board

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| <b>Date of Assessment:</b> | <b>Written by: Samantha Phillips<br/>Natural Environment Officer</b>          |
| <b>Review date:</b>        | <b>Assessed by: Cate Sampson<br/>Health and Safety North Somerset council</b> |



| <b>Volunteer Litter Pick.</b>  |
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| <p>All volunteers to wear appropriate clothing, gloves and footwear together with any other items highlighted in the RA below</p> <p>Everyone to wash hands thoroughly as soon as possible after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink.</p> <p>Any wounds covered and then redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water.</p> <p>Volunteers carry out a personal inspection for cuts, ticks etc.</p> <p>Report any hazardous items to the Council – volunteers not to collect needles/broken glass/un-bagged faeces</p> <p>All volunteers to return all equipment to board</p> <p>All rubbish for collection placed in one of the bins on side.</p> <p>Volunteers should carry a mobile phone in the event of an emergency.</p> |

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|   |   |   | Yes                              | No |   | Action by whom?                          | Action by when? | Date complete |
| Dog Faeces  | Employees<br>Volunteers<br>Toxocara canis         | Volunteers are to not remove any dog faeces from the site, unless bagged and are using a litter picker provided.<br>Wash/clean hands before eating/smoking etc. | Yes                              |    | None  |  |                 |               |
| Sharps (eg syringes) /broken glass – litter picking | Employees<br>Volunteers<br><br>Cuts, lacerations, | Volunteers are not to touch/remove any syringes<br><br>Please report syringe location to the NSC (01934 888 888) to   | Yes                              |    | None  |  |                 |               |

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| within undergrowth   | puncture wounds and possible infection  | <p>notify Glendale who will remove accordingly.<br/>           Use of suitable gloves<br/>           Use of litter pickers<br/>           Place in box, bucket etc to reduce injury during transportation<br/>           Ensure all participants should have current tetanus cover<br/>           Seek medical attention if required</p> <p>Do not overload bags or carry too close to the body.</p> |                                  |    |  |  |                 |               |
| Uneven ground, trip hazards                                    | Employees.<br>Volunteers  | <p>Volunteers to be aware of their surroundings whilst carrying out their work.</p> <p>Take care around slippery surfaces – especially around water, wear suitable footwear.</p>   | Yes                              |    | None   |  |                 |               |
| Ponds, Lakes, Slipways, Ditches, Marsh and other water margins | <p>Employees<br/>Volunteers<br/>Microbiological infection e.g. Weils disease</p> <p>Immersion</p> | <p>Cover cuts and abrasions with waterproof plasters</p> <p>Individuals should not to attempt to pick litter from water bodies unless easily accessible.</p> <p>Be aware of tide times, volunteers should not litter pick beach at high tide or on an incoming tide.</p> <p>Volunteers not to enter low tide area as at risk of the area being</p>   | Yes                              |    | None   |  |                 |               |

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|  |  | muddy/unstable ground conditions.<br>If you come into contact with water hands must be washed before eating//smoking etc.<br><br>Individuals should not be litter picking the ditches unless the litter is easily accessible, and should not be leaning in/over the ditch to reach the litter. |                                  |    |  |  |                 |               |
| Heavy or awkward items   | Employees or volunteers<br>Pulled muscles, strains or sprains                                | Do not move if too heavy for one person<br>Share the load with others if safe to do so<br>If too heavy contact (01934 888 888) to notify Glendale who will remove accordingly.   | Yes                              |    |  |  |                 |               |
| Batteries, asbestos containing materials, refrigerator coolant and other chemicals | Employees and volunteers<br>Potentially dangerous to via inhalation, ingestion or absorption | Do not remove but report location via (01934 888 888) to notify Glendale who will remove accordingly.<br><br>Seek medical attention if necessary take note of any information relating to product name , packaging etc.  | Yes                              |    |  |  |                 |               |
| Weather conditions   | Employees and volunteers<br>Hypohermia<br>heat stroke<br>sun burn<br>Dehydration etc         | Stop work in poor weather conditions<br>Ensure dressed appropriately for conditions<br>Use of sun block<br>Maintain hydration levels   | Yes                              |    |  |  |                 |               |