

## Beach Litter Pick - Risk Assessment



<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	<b>Assessed by:</b>
<b>Review date:</b>	<b>Place:</b>

<b>Volunteer Litter Pick.</b>
<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.</p> <p>All volunteers to sign in/out with organiser and ensure all equipment is signed out/in as appropriate.</p> <p>All rubbish has been disposed of in 1100L bins available or for collection has been left in the pre-arranged pick-up site.</p> <p>Any bags / receptacles containing sharp material, eg broken glass, are clearly identified.</p> <p>Lone working should not take place, and volunteers should carry a mobile phone and have access to first aid in the event of an emergency.</p>

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High tides or mud at coastal sites	Employees Volunteers Drowning, exhaustion / dehydration from getting stuck in mud	Organiser to check tide times in advance.  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 mud flats or sinking mud.	Yes					

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		Litter pick to take place within a designated area and volunteers advised to stay in groups or pairs.						
Sharps (eg syringes) /broken glass – litter picking within undergrowth	Employees Volunteers  Cuts, lacerations, puncture wounds and possible infection	Volunteers are not to touch/remove any syringes  Please report syringe location to the NSC (01934 888 888) to notify Glendale who will remove accordingly.  Use of suitable gloves Use of litter pickers Place in box, bucket etc to reduce injury during transportation Ensure all participants have current tetanus cover Seek medical attention if required  Do not overload bags or carry too close to the body.	Yes		None			
Hazards as a result of the environment, eg uneven or loose ground, rocks, mud, slippery surfaces, debris	Employees. Volunteers  Injuries caused by slips, trips, or falls.	Organiser will have visited the site in advance to check for any such hazards and will brief participants.  Organiser to highlight any known hazards on the site.	Yes		None			

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		Volunteers to be aware of their surroundings whilst carrying out their work. Take care around slippery surfaces – especially around water, wear suitable footwear.						
Highways (carriageway and footway) Vehicles Bicycles Plant and Machinery Beach Car Parks	Employees. Volunteers Collision with moving traffic / plant	Work will be carried out predominantly within the open space of the beach or Promenade/footpaths.  If litter picking takes place in the vicinity of a highway or road, then volunteers may only work from the footway (pavement).  Wear hi vis and move towards the direction of oncoming traffic.  Volunteers must not step onto or work on the carriageway.  Do not litter pick within designated on beach car parks when in use – clearly identifiable due vehicles parking in the area.  Be aware of the likelihood of agricultural machinery outside of designated car parks i.e., beach	Yes		None			

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		rake, tractor, official council vehicles						
Bushes/hedge rows/rockeries	Employees Volunteers Abrasions puncture wounds, eye injuries	Where litter picking is required under shrubs, hedgerows or rockeries individuals must be aware of the potential danger of branches at eye height.  Do not remove litter if there is a risk of injury.  Gloves to be worn to prevent skin scratches, appropriate clothing to be worn.	Yes		None			
Sea, Ponds, Lakes, Slipways, Ditches, Marsh and other water margins	Employees Volunteers Microbiological infection e.g. Weils disease Immersion Poor Bathing Water Quality e.g. skin irritation	Cover cuts and abrasions with waterproof plasters  Individuals should not to attempt to pick litter from water bodies unless easily accessible.  If you come into contact with water hands must be washed before eating//smoking etc.  Individuals should not be litter picking ditches unless the litter is easily accessible and should	Yes		None			

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		not be leaning in/over the ditch to reach the litter.						
Dogs off lead zones and areas of Weston Seafront	Employees Volunteers	<p>Weston Beach is an agreed area within North Somerset for people to exercise their dogs off lead.</p> <p>The PSPO which bans dogs on Weston beach between Royal Sands and the Grand Pier from 1 May to 30 September applies between the hours 9am and 7pm.</p> <p>Weston Marine Lake – no dogs on beach all year round</p> <p>Weston Promenade – all dogs on leads</p> <p>Volunteers to be aware of their surroundings and dogs off lead.</p> <p>Volunteers should not approach unknown dogs without permission from owner.</p>	Yes		None			

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Dog Faeces	Employees Volunteers Toxocara canis	Volunteers are to not remove any dog faeces from the site, unless bagged and are using a litter picker provided.  Wash/clean hands before eating/smoking etc.	Yes		None			
Heavy or awkward items, debris on beach	Employees or volunteers Pulled muscles, strains or sprains	Do not move if too heavy for one person Share the load with others if safe to do so 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 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.  Seek medical attention if necessary take note of any information relating to product name , packaging etc.	Yes					
Weather conditions	Employees and volunteers Hypothermia heat stroke sun burn	Organisers should check weather in advance and cancel in the event of adverse weather conditions or stop work in poor weather conditions	Yes					

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	Dehydration etc	Volunteers should ensure they are dressed appropriately for conditions, use of sun block in hot weather and maintain hydration levels						
Cliffs and steep slopes	Employees and volunteers Falls leading to fracture strains, sprains	Designate safe working area Consider weather conditions e.g. poor visibility high winds, high tides etc	Yes					
Use of hand tools	Employees and volunteers  Cuts strains	Instruction in use Ensure enough space for the correct use of the tool Use appropriate protection if required Volunteers to use equipment provided and in the way instructed as relevant	Yes					
Rubbish bags	Employees and volunteers, members of public	Filled bags to be placed in available 1100L bins along the Seafront or taken to agreed collection point and sensibly stacked to avoid trip hazards/falling bags	Yes					