

**Risk Assessment – 2 minute beach clean board litter
picking – lido and play area Portishead**



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Volunteer Litter Pick.
<p>All volunteers to wear appropriate clothing, gloves if possible and footwear together with any other items highlighted in the RA</p> <p>Use hand sanitiser if provided, or use your own. Use before and after litter picking</p> <p>Everyone to wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds as soon as possible after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink.</p> <p>Important to note – equipment is shared equipment and has not been cleaned between users</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 site.</p> <p>Volunteers should carry a mobile phone in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Covid 19 restrictions</p>

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COVID 19	Employees Volunteers Infection	Volunteers should use hand sanitiser before and after litter picking, either provided on the board or their own. Do not use hands to pick up litter, only litter pickers to limit contact points.	YES		

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		<p>Wash hands as soon as possible for at least 20 seconds.</p> <p>Volunteers must be aware of local guidelines and national updates relating to outdoor activity.</p>			
Safety, first aid emergency.	Employees Volunteers	<p>Lone working should not take place where possible.</p> <p>Volunteers must have means of communication/raising alarm ie mobile phone.</p> <p>Volunteers to should provide own gloves, personal first aid and hand sanitiser if none provided.</p> <p>Only use litter pickers to retrieve litter.</p>			
Dog Faeces	Employees Volunteers Toxocara canis	<p>Volunteers are to not remove any dog faeces from the site, unless bagged and are using a litter picker provided.</p> <p>Wash/clean hands before eating/smoking etc.</p>	Yes	None	
Sharps (eg syringes) /broken glass – litter picking within undergrowth	Employees Volunteers Cuts, lacerations, puncture wounds and possible infection	<p>Volunteers are not to touch/remove any syringes</p> <p>Please report syringe location to the NSC (01934 888 888) to notify Glendale who will remove accordingly.</p> <p>Use of suitable gloves</p> <p>Use of litter pickers</p>	Yes	None	

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		Place in box, bucket etc to reduce injury during transportation Participants should have current tetanus cover Seek medical attention if required Do not overload bags or carry too close to the body.			
Uneven ground, trip hazards	Employees. Volunteers	Volunteers to be aware of their surroundings whilst carrying out their work. Take care around slippery surfaces – especially around water, wear suitable footwear.	Yes	None	
Ponds, Lakes, Slipways, Ditches, Marsh and other water margins	Employees Volunteers Microbiological infection e.g. Weils disease Immersion	Cover cuts and abrasions with waterproof plasters Individuals should not to attempt to pick litter from water bodies unless easily accessible. Be aware of tide times, volunteers should not litter pick beach at high tide or on an incoming tide. Volunteers not to enter low tide area as at risk of the area being muddy/unstable ground conditions. If you come into contact with water hands must be washed before eating//smoking etc.	Yes	None	

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		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 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 Hypohermia heat stroke sun burn Dehydration etc	Stop work in poor weather conditions Ensure dressed appropriately for conditions Use of sun block Maintain hydration levels Weather and tides should be checked in advance to ensure safe to carry out litter pick at that time/date. In event of adverse weather/changes in weather cancel and rearrange.	Yes		

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Tides	Employees and volunteers Risk from tidal areas	Litter picking to be undertaken during low tide only. Low tide over summer season guarantees better conditions to undertake litter picking.			