

**Risk Assessment – 2 minute beach clean board litter  
picking – sailing club, Portishead**



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| <b>Date of Assessment:</b><br><b>July 2023</b> | <b>Written by: Samantha Phillips</b><br><b>Senior Parks and Open Spaces Officer</b> |
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**Volunteer Litter Pick.**

All volunteers to wear appropriate clothing, gloves if possible and footwear together with any other items highlighted in the RA  
Use hand sanitiser if provided, or use your own. Use before and after litter picking  
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.  
Important to note – equipment is shared equipment and has not been cleaned between users  
Any wounds covered and then redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water.  
Volunteers carry out a personal inspection for cuts, ticks etc.  
Report any hazardous items to the Council – volunteers not to collect needles/broken glass/un-bagged faeces  
All volunteers to return all equipment to board  
All rubbish for collection placed in one of the bins on site.  
Volunteers should carry a mobile phone in the event of an emergency.  
**Must be aware of tide times and access points to the beach – there are two points of access by the sailing club, the steps and the slip way**  
**Covid 19 restrictions**

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| COVID 19                                      | Employees<br>Volunteers<br><br>Infection    | <p>Volunteers should use hand sanitiser before and after litter picking, either provided on the board or their own.</p> <p>Do not use hands to pick up litter, only litter pickers to limit contact points.</p> <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> | <b>YES</b>                                    |                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| Safety, first aid emergency.                  | Employees<br>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>                                                                                |                                               |                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| Tide Times                                    | Employees<br>Volunteers                     | <p>Beaches along the easturay are subject to high tidal ranges. All litter pickers must be aware of tide times and not litter pick on an in coming tide.</p> <p>Be aware of access points.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Yes</b>                                    | None                                                                                                         |                                                                                          |

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| 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Yes</b>                                    | None                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |
| Sharps (eg syringes) /broken glass – litter picking within undergrowth | Employees<br>Volunteers<br><br>Cuts, lacerations, puncture wounds and possible infection | Volunteers are not to touch/remove any syringes<br><br>Please report syringe location to the NSC (01934 888 888) to 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>Participants should have current tetanus cover<br>Seek medical attention if required<br><br>Do not overload bags or carry too close to the body. | <b>Yes</b>                                    | None                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |
| Uneven ground, trip hazards                                            | Employees.<br>Volunteers                                                                 | Volunteers to be aware of their surroundings whilst carrying out their work.<br><br>Take care around slippery surfaces – especially around water, wear suitable footwear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Yes</b>                                    | None                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |

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| Ponds, Lakes, Slipways, Ditches, Marsh and other water margins | <p>Employees<br/>Volunteers<br/>Microbiological infection<br/>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 muddy/unstable ground conditions.<br/>If you come into contact with water hands must be washed before eating//smoking etc.</p> <p>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.</p> | Yes                                           | None                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |
| Heavy or awkward items                                         | <p>Employees<br/>or<br/>volunteers<br/>Pulled<br/>muscles,<br/>strains or<br/>sprains</p>             | <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                           |                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |

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| 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<br>etc      | Stop work in poor weather conditions<br><br>Ensure dressed appropriately for conditions<br><br>Use of sun block<br>Maintain hydration levels<br><br>Weather and tides should be checked in advance to ensure safe to carry out litter pick at that time/date.<br><br>In event of adverse weather/changes in weather cancel and rearrange. | Yes                                           |                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| Tides                                                                              | Employees and volunteers<br><br>Risk from tidal areas                                        | Litter picking to be undertaken during low tide only.<br><br>Low tide over summer season guarantees better conditions to undertake litter picking.                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                               |                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |