

SCPC LITTER PICKING RISK ASSESSMENT.

GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT – LITTER PICKING ACTIVITY		
Assessors Names:	Assessment Date:	Review Date;

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Lack of information and awareness	Volunteers	All volunteers should be given a briefing Safety Talk, covering the above risks and general information about correct use of the equipment, and the sites to be cleared.	None	Group Leader	On the day	
Sunburn	Volunteers	First Aid kit available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear suitable clothing (gloves at all times, sleeves and trousers) • In hot weather, wear hat • Apply sunblock before beginning the activity and re-apply as required 	Consider suspending work if weather is sufficiently extreme	Group Leader	On the day	
Extreme cold or wet weather	Volunteers	. Wear warm layers and waterproof clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear thick socks and sturdy boots or shoes 	Consider suspending work if weather is sufficiently extreme	Group Leader	On the day	
Cuts and grazes Stings or bites from vegetation or insects	Volunteers	First Aid kit available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No unprotected feet – wear sturdy shoes, boots or trainers 	Brief volunteers to be vigilant about hazards at all times	Group Leader	In advance of the day or on the day	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear suitable clothing (gloves at all times, sleeves and trousers) • All volunteers to use litter-pickers or strong gloves to collect rubbish - NEVER scoop up items by hand • Be wary of uneven ground and trip hazards including trailing vegetation 				
Slips, trips and falls	Volunteers	<p>Wear supportive and slip-resistant footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care when negotiating property steps • Observe ground and aware of potential trip hazards • If in doubt don't carry on if an area looks slippery or dangerous 	<p>Group Leader will remind workers to take care when pavements are slippery from rain, leaves, ice, snow, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Leader will check clothing and footwear • Group Leader will consider suspending work if weather is sufficiently extreme 	Group Leader	On the day	
Working near roads and car park	Volunteers	<p>Children to remain under supervision and in sight of a responsible adult at all times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing to include warning on roads, speed limits and any known hazards • Briefing to include warning to always focus when crossing streets and be aware of surroundings at all times • Be aware of cars, potentially trying to park, maintain vigilance, give 	<p>Check for any unusual hazards on the day itself</p>	Group Leader	On the day	

		<p>warning to others of approaching vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children not to pick litter from the road but to remain on pavements and paths • Tabards or hi-vis to be worn at all times 				
Syringes and medical waste	Volunteers	<p>Site survey prior to event to check for any evidence of syringes. Volunteers finding syringes should not touch them, but immediately notify the Group Leader who will arrange disposal via the local authority. All work must then cease in this particular area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any accidental piercing by syringe should be immediately treated at medical practice or A & E (see below) 	Remain vigilant at all time during the clean-up and end the clean up immediately if syringes are found	Briefing by Group Leader to all volunteers	On the day	
Manual handling	Volunteers	<p>Volunteers advised to be aware of their own limitations by the Group Leader during the briefing and not lift heavy items found during the clean up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers with pre-existing injuries are not to lift bags or heavy items 	Group Leader to ensure this is covered in the safety briefing delivered ahead of the clean-up starting	Group Leader	On the day	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than one bag at a time to be carried • A trolley to be used where bags or other items are too heavy to lift safely 				
Dog Fouling	Volunteers	<p>Advise on issue of dog fouling during the briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not touch dog fouling • If a volunteer steps in dog faeces, clean shoes if possible • If found warn others in the vicinity 	Group Leader to deliver briefing on the day	Group Leader	On the day	
Hazardous chemicals	Volunteers	Any suspicious drums, materials or containers with contents not identifiable to be left untouched and Environment Agency Pollution Hotline to be contacted (Tel 0800 7312453)	Site survey at beginning of clean up	Group Leader	On the day	
Safeguarding children	Children and vulnerable adults	<p>All children and any vulnerable adults to be accompanied by responsible adult (parent, carer or teacher) in approved ratios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No child to be out of sight of a responsible adult • Where DBS is required for individuals this is in place • All staff on site to maintain vigilance where members of the public not participating 	Check for unaccompanied children and confirm supervision ratios are satisfactory	Group Leader	On the day	

		<p>in the event are using the same public space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All event volunteers to wear hi-viz. In the event of an incident, immediately inform the local Police and any other relevant agencies 				
Aggressive dogs	Volunteers	<p>Avoid areas if any evidence of aggressive dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers to maintain vigilance for dogs off leads • Dog Walkers in vicinity to be advised by group leader of the litter pick and to keep dogs under control • Children to remain under adult supervision and within sight of adults at all times <p>. Adopt recommended posture if confronted by a dog – do not look in eyes, look down, do not run, pull limbs into body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retreat slowly • Visit A&E if bitten or attacked • Report attack to the Police 	Check site for evidence of dogs	Group Leader	On the day	