

Community Litter Pick Safety Talk

All volunteers must hear this talk. Please follow the script and checklist below to ensure everyone stays safe at your event.

"Everybody, please listen up! I am going to take a couple of minutes to cover some important safety points to make sure we have a safe and enjoyable event.

Thank you for coming.

Today we will be cleaning-up...

[state the desired boundaries for the clean-up]

Introduce all the people with key roles today:

- Team Leaders
- First Aider
- Glass collector

1 Please stay with your team throughout the clean-up.

2 Ask the volunteers to work in groups of two or three and not to work alone.

3 Make sure you wear strong footwear [no sandals in summer] and suitable clothing [warm clothes in winter, sun hats and sun cream in summer]

4 Do not pick or scoop up litter with your bare hands - it could contain broken glass, fish hooks or hypodermic needles.



"Please do not work alone."

"Please wear the protective gloves at all times."

"Do not to touch any animals" (dead or alive)

"If you find broken glass, leave it alone and notify the glass collector."

5 If you find a hypodermic needle (syringe) please leave it and alert the group leader — I have a sharps box and will collect it using special tweezers and arrange safe disposal.

6 Use litter pickers to pick up litter if it is hidden in bushes. Do not put your hands into any material where you cannot see exactly what is there as there may be sharps

7 Leave any unbagged nappies and dog faeces. Volunteers are welcome to pick up bagged dog faeces and nappies but only if they feel comfortable to do so.

If volunteers come across anything hazardous such as sealed containers or drums, bombs and explosives, or anything with the words "Hazardous" written on it. Do not touch and call for the group leader.

8 Please do not overfill the bags because you will need to carry them back to the collection point at the end of the clean up. Take spare bags with you.

When lifting:

- Keep knees bent in the crouch position
- Get a firm grip on the load
- Always lift with your back straight, using your legs
- Don't walk backwards or run with a load
- Stop work if you feel a strain

Please leave your bags of rubbish at —
[State the collection point agreed with Council]

9 In the event of an emergency either myself, the First Aider or one of the team leaders should be notified.

10 If you are feeling unwell at any point, if you have an accident or witness an accident please notify the first aider and event leader immediately.

11 We will meet back here at — [state desired finishing time for the event]
Please let me know if you are planning on leaving before the end.

If there is anything they feel unsure of, do not pick it up. If any have any questions or any allergies/disabilities that I need to be aware of to let me know. Remember, take your time, look out for yourself and others. Don't take risks and have an enjoyable time!

"Always wash hands before eating and drinking" (use the antibacterial hand gel provided).

"Cover any existing cuts or any that you get during the event" (your Team Leader has a first aid kit).

"If you have not already done so, please sign in and make sure that you sign out before you leave."

