

## Risk Assessment for Community Litter Picks Unaccompanied by Environmental Services

<b>8Service Unit:</b>	Environmental Services	<b>Activity being Assessed</b>	Community litter pick			<b>Date of Assessment</b>	20/03/2019				
<b>Department:</b>	Environmental Development				<b>Review Due Date</b>	20/09/2019					
<b>Assessed By:</b>	Louis Sherman				<b>Reference</b>						
<b>Likelihood (L) X Severity (S) = Risk Rating (R)</b>											
		<b>Severity (S)</b>									
		1= Minor injuries no lost time	2= Injuries lost time <7 days	3= Major injury, lost time <3 months	4= Fatality/severe injury, lost time >3 months						
<b>Likelihood(L)</b>	1 = unlikely to occur	Low(negligible) (1)	Low (2)	Medium-Low (3)	Medium-Low (4)						
	2 =Could happen	Low (2)	Medium-Low (4)	Medium-High (6)	Medium-High (8)						
	3= Likely to happen in time	Medium-Low (3)	Medium-High(6)	Medium-High (9)	High (12)						
	4=Certain to happen	Medium-Low (4)	Medium-High (8)	High (12)	High (Extreme) (16)						
<b>Low 1-2</b>	No further actions on this risk assessment are needed, but the controls in place must be monitored to ensure they are being implemented & remain suitable										
<b>Medium-Low 3-4</b>	If the likelihood is high further controls should be identified & implemented as soon as is practical, current controls must be monitored to ensure they are being implemented & remain suitable										
<b>Medium-High 6-9</b>	Further controls must be identified & implemented without delay, the controls in place must be monitored to ensure they are being implemented & remain suitable										
<b>High 12-16</b>	The activity must not proceed until further controls have been identified and the risk rating reduced to an acceptable level										
<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Who might be harmed?</b>	<b>How might people be harmed?</b>	<b>Existing Control Measures in Place</b>	<b>Risk level achieved</b>			<b>Additional Controls necessary to reduce the likelihood or severity</b>	<b>Revised Risk level with additional controls applied</b>			<b>Are there any further controls which could be applied in the future?</b>
				L	S	R		L	S	R	
Hazardous waste	Any participant litter picking, at greater risk are children	Cuts from glass Cut by needles Rashes from hazardous waste Illness	Sufficient supervision Safety sheet on how to identify hazardous waste and what to do in this circumstance shared with litter	3	2	6	Can use some form of identification to make sure all hazardous waste is obvious, could include flags or people stood by the waste	2	2	4	

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			pickers Dog waste removed before pick begins							
Litter picking close to road or water body	Any participants taking part	Risk of cars hitting participants Drowning Falling	We advise litter pickers not to pick near busy roads or water bodies, if so make there is sufficient supervision for the amount of people taking part Health and safety advice shared prior to event via the safety sheet	1	3	3				
Heavy/awkward to handle waste or objects	Any participants taking part	Back, leg or arm sprains or causing ache	Participants told to leave items too large to move Participants showed how to properly lift an object Participants made aware to contact the lead event organiser if injury does occur	2	2	4				
Dangerous plants	Any participants	Itching Rashes	Safety information	2	1	2				

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	taking part	Skin irritation	shared pre-pick with litter pickers regarding dangerous plants, what they look like and what to based on safety sheet							
Using litter picking equipment	Any participants making use of equipment	Hyperextension Back damage Injuries to body including cuts and grazes	Make sure everyone is proficient in using a picker Make all aware not to throw litter pickers around or play about with bag hoops Demonstration of proper equipment use pre-pick Make all aware to only pick where they can reach, ask for help if litter is too far	1	1	1				
Trips and falls	Any participants taking part	Cuts and grazes Broken bones Sprains	Make all participants aware of any clear dips, broken paving or trip hazards	3	2	6	When promoting the event make sure people are advised to wear sturdy shoes, ideally covering	2	2	4

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			<p>If picking on un-even surface make sure participants are aware to be careful with footing</p>			<p>their ankles Check footwear pre-pick, especially if pick takes place on uneven ground</p>				
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On completion of the litter pick ensure:

- Everyone washes their hands thoroughly as soon as possible after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink
- Volunteers carry out a personal inspection for cuts and grazed and these are cleaned
- Report any hazardous items to the Council
- All volunteers have reported back and all equipment is collected back in
- All rubbish for collection has been left in the arranged pick up site
- Any bags containing sharp material, e.g. broken glass, are clearly identified