

Litter Picking Risk Assessment

Notes: Volunteer Litter Picking

What are the hazards? What can cause harm?	Who might be harmed What are you already doing? What are you doing to control hazards and the chance of someone getting hurt?		Do you need to do anything else to control this risk? By following this risk assessment, are the hazards & chances of someone being harmed adequately controlled?
Getting lost	Volunteers	People to work in small groups and return to Reception or know location every 30 minutes.	Trivial if controls are followed
Slips, trips & falls	Volunteers	Appropriate footwear and group briefing on appropriate location to pick litter.	Trivial if controls are followed
Working near cars or Activity Bases	Volunteers	Litter picking should only take place in part of the grounds where cars do not have access. Activity Bases (eg high ropes course) should be avoided.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Injury to hands Injury to feet	Volunteers	Litter Pickers / grabbers are used Groups briefed to walk on fields & paths and not to enter undergrowth or areas which are out of bounds.	Trivial if controls are followed
Picking up sharp objects or objects which can cause injury	S Volunteers Sharp objects or other objects which can cause injury should not be picked up by young volunteers (eg glass) but should be reported to an Employee.		Trivial if controls are followed
Manual Handling	Volunteers	Litter bags should be emptied frequently.	Trivial if controls are followed
Appropriate supervision	Volunteers	Groups should be supervised by an appropriate member of Beaudesert staff. This supervision maybe remote but they should know the locations of the young people.	Trivial if controls are followed

		Potential severity of harm			
		Slightly Harmful	Harmful	Extremely Harmful	
		1	2	3	
	Highly unlikely	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate	
	1	1	2	3	
Likelihood of	Unlikely	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial	
harm occurring	2	2	4	6	
	Likely	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	
	3	3	6	9	

Slightly harmful: Superficial injuries; minor cuts and bruises; eye irritation from dust, nuisance and irritation (e.g. headaches); ill-health leading to temporary discomfort. **Harmful:** Lacerations; burns; concussion; serious sprains; minor fractures, deafness; dermatitis; asthma; work related upper limb disorders; ill-health leading to permanent minor disability.

Extremely harmful: Amputations; major fractures; poisonings; multiple injuries; fatal injuries, occupational cancer; other severely life shortening diseases; acute fatal diseases