

**Risk Assessment for Litter picks**

IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARD	WHO MAY BE HARMED ?	HOW MAY THEY BE HARMED?	EVALUATION OF RISKS	PRECAUTIONS	RISK
Children litter picking near roads	Children	Hit by traffic	Ruling that no children work near the road	Ruling that no children work near the road and are supervised by an adult at all times	High
Adult volunteers litter picking near roads	Volunteers	Hit by traffic	Briefing beforehand telling them to be careful and point out potential dangers	Also tell them not to pick anywhere that is dangerous, e.g. no verge, traffic too close. Providing high visibility vests to anyone working near a road	Low
Adults or children picking up needles / syringes / glass	Volunteers	Infection / cuts	Briefing beforehand telling people not to pick up needles or syringes or glass without using a litter pick. All such items to be put into a suitable container such as a tin, and not a bin bag.	Provision of gloves, litter picks, and one member of team to collect sharps box and arrange for appropriate safe disposal	Medium
Children working alone	Children	Lost, hit by traffic, abused	Ruling that all children under 14 are supervised by an adult known to them.	Parents accompany children where possible.	Low
Ditches	Volunteers	People not being able to climb in and out of ditches safely	Ruling that no-one goes in or out of ditches without another adult present	People work in pairs or teams at all times, or at least within shouting distance of another adult. Only fully abled bodied persons allowed to litter pick in ditches	Medium
Bin Bags	Volunteers	Injuria due to carrying heavy bags	Rubbish should be relatively light as it is usually paper. Ruling that nothing heavy, such as metal items, goes into bin bags. Bin bags not to be overfilled.	Only good heavy duty strong refuse bags to be used. Bgs not to be overfilled and must be securely tied.	Low
Painting	Volunteers, general public	Reaction to chemicals, paint in their eyes, using ladders	Briefing beforehand telling people to be careful and point out potential dangers. Provide washing facilities	Ask volunteers to use gloves, wear goggles, only use a ladder if absolutely necessary & always have someone holding ladders at the bottom	Low
Cleaning, especially graffiti removal	Volunteers, general public	Reaction to chemicals, chemicals in their eyes, using ladders	Briefing beforehand telling people to be careful and point out potential dangers. Provide washing facilities	Ask volunteers to use gloves, wear goggles, only use a ladder if absolutely necessary & always have someone holding it at the bottom	Chemical reaction, falls

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