

Risk Assessment: Beach Litter-pick

Version: 1

To calculate Risk Rating (R): assess the likelihood (L) of an accident occurring against the **most likely** impact (I) the accident might have, taking into account

Task / Activity Covered by the assessment	Beach Cleans & Litter Picking on Beaches by Groups			Likelihood (L)	X	Impact (I)	
Workplace	Seafront			Almost Impossible	1	Insignificant (minor injury, no time off)	
Date of Assessment	01/02/2021	Date Assessment to be reviewed	31/01/2022	Unlikely	2	Minor (non-permanent injury, up to 7 days off)	
Person Completing	Garry Meyer	Manager	Satti Sidhu	Possible	3	Moderate ((injury causing more than 7 days off)	
Staff involved in assessment				Likely	4	Major ((death or serious injury)	
				Almost Certain	5	Catastrophic (multiple deaths)	
				Low =1-3	Moderate = 4-7	Significant = 8-14	High = 15-25

GENERAL

Please ensure that all group members have been made aware of your responsibilities and their responsibilities and that this document has been made available to them and that you have organised a briefing that includes health & safety information and how to carry out the task safely and what they need to do if they find something they cannot deal with, especially any hazardous waste.

If the environmental conditions pose dangers or conditions change to pose dangers the event should be cancelled or postponed.

What are the significant, foreseeable, hazards? (the dangers that can cause harm)		Who is at Risk?	Current control measures (What is already in place/done)	Risk Rating			What additional controls can be put in place to reduce the risk further?	Revised Risk Rating		
				L	I	R		L	I	R
1.	Slips, trips and falls	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of the public and any seafront vehicles using the beach. • Carry out activities in a leisurely manner to ensure observation of hazards and reduce risk of harm • Wear suitable footwear that provides adequate grip and protection • Check routes for hazards especially during seasonal changes e.g. ice, snow. • Check area to ensure you are aware of any gradient changes before commencing work, especially on beaches during low tide when many low drop-offs are exposed. • Avoid walking on exposed chalk at low tide as this is extremely slippery • Ensure volunteers under supervision are aware of these issues and risks 	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate a buddy system if possible, by teaming people up together to look out for each other and warn of any risks or help deal with any issues. • Ask for on-site assistance from a council officer (this may or may not be possible) 	2	2	4

2.	Manual Handling Musculoskeletal (MSD)	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear appropriate PPE – especially gloves. • Do not overfill waste bags – ensure they are a comfortable weight to carry. • Hold bags away from body when carrying waste. • 1/3 full bag is a full bag • Never carry more than two full bags and only one in each hand • 3kg is the maximum weight for bags • Report any heavy items that cannot be safely moved • Do not attempt to lift if the load cannot be safely carried by one person. • Volunteer to be aware of their own limitations and not to lift anything they feel uncomfortable with. • Where possible do not lift items above chest height • Take regular breaks or cancel activity involvement if any symptoms occur or are caused by lifting, such as muscle aches or back pain 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the Tidy Up Team Training & Induction course • Be aware of the HSE advice on manual handling - http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg143.pdf 	2	2	4
3.	Intravenous syringes and drug paraphernalia	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report any evidence of drug use or drug paraphernalia to CityClean - 01273 292929 • Do not attempt to clean up any hazardous drug paraphernalia such as blood contaminated items especially needles. 	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the Tidy Up Team Training & Induction course • Contact the Seafront Office to report drug paraphernalia issues - 141 King's Road Arches Lower Esplanade Brighton BN1 2FN Tel: 01273 292716 	2	3	6

4.	Other Hazardous Items Asbestos, Dead Animal, Faeces, Chemicals, Solvents, Broken Glass, Disposable BBQs, etc	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always wear Gloves • Use hand cleanser or wash hands before smoking, drinking, or eating • Always dress open wounds before commencing activities • Only put broken glass into bins, glass recycling bins or other waste receptacles. • If possible place broken glass in to a box, tub or similar durable container to carry to a bin or recycling point • Never leave broken glass in bags outside bins that will be collected by CityClean Operatives • Other sharp materials such as metal should be treated in the same way as broken glass • Never touch or attempt to move dead animals • Report faeces to CityClean 01273 292929 • Chemical, oil and solvent spills need to be reported to CityClean - 01273 292929 and the Fire Service on 0303 999 1000 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with medical professional if any symptoms especially gastric occur after participating in beach clean or litterpick activity, ensure medical professionals are made aware of activities that may have caused symptoms • Contact The Fire Service 999 if the any spill is likely to contaminate water or cause harm to people, livestock or wildlife • If in doubt contact Environment Protection Hotline – 0800 731 2453 • Attend the Tidy Up Team Training & Induction course 	2	2	4
5.	Insect stings and bites:	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any know allergies exist ensure appropriate mitigation is in place i.e. EpiPen is carried and any medical alert bracelets or necklaces are worn. • Seek medical attention if stung or bitten by insects causes adverse reactions • First Aid kit provided 	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear Insect repellent such as DEET 	1	2	2
6.	Working outside in low temperatures - Physical effects of extreme cold - Injury due to slips / trips and falls	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct PPE to be worn (such as jackets, gloves, hats). • Take breaks in a warm indoor space if possible • Take frequent rest breaks. • Be aware of icy paths / roads 	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel event if weather conditions are not appropriate or dangerous 	1	1	1

7.	Working outside in rainy conditions - Slips, trips & falls	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid walking on steep slopes • Wear appropriate PPE – wet weather clothing – waterproof clothing • Be aware that steps and paths may be slippery 	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel event if weather conditions are not appropriate or dangerous 	1	1	1
8.	Working outside in windy conditions - Being struck by an object - Slips, trips & falls - Debris in eyes - Cuts and abrasions	Organisers & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware that strong winds will blow waste bags in to body. • Ensure equipment is always secured when not in use • Be aware of surroundings, especially when working in built up areas or areas with scaffolding • Do not litter-pick close to shoreline due to high waves. 	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel event if weather conditions are not appropriate or dangerous 	1	1	1