



**Task Risk Assessment**  
**Task: Litter Picking**

**Date: 26/11/2024**

This risk assessment will be updated annually following a review or whenever further risks or control measures are identified.

Prior to the task taking place the task leader will assess the task and give a risk assessment briefing to all staff and volunteers to include use of tools, site conditions, manual handling etc.

<b>PPE required to carry out this task:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Suitable footwear for conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>Training required to carry out this task:</b>	In-house
<b>Can this task be carried out by a lone worker:</b>	Yes
<b>Minimum level of first aid required to carry out this task: (EFAW, FAW, FAW+F)</b>	None

HAZARD Potential Harm	PEOPLE AT RISK	EXISTING CONTROL METHODS Staff and volunteers instructed or trained to:	FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS		
				WHO	WHEN	COMPLETED
<b>Collecting litter:</b> Lacerations, Puncture wounds, infections.	Staff / volunteers	Wear gloves whenever handling litter. Wear appropriate footwear suitable for the conditions and which provides protection from sharp material. Use a litter picker where practical to do so. Follow good hygiene practices - wash hands after litter picking and before eating, drinking or smoking. Dispose of litter in a suitable waste/ recycling bin or specialist facility.				
<b>Transporting litter:</b> Personal Injury; cuts and grazes	Staff member / volunteer	Ensure any sharp items are not able to cause injury in transit. Pack or wrap broken glass.				

	picking litter	Use a sharps bin to store needles, immediately report to staff lead if you do not have one.				
<b>Dangerous litter:</b> Hazardous Chemicals; (Possible ingestion or skin reaction/irritation/blistering/chemical burn); Sharps and Syringes (cuts, puncture wounds)	Staff member / volunteer picking litter	Any suspicious drums, materials or containers with contents not identifiable are to be cordoned off, reported to staff lead and left untouched. If hazardous chemical suspected call Environment Agency Environmental Incident Hotline to be contacted <b>Tel: 0800 80 70 60</b> (Freephone, 24hr service). Report any dangerous objects found, e.g. syringes to staff lead/police if necessary - do not pick up or attempt to dispose without a sharps bin.				
<b>Lifting litter:</b> Strain injury	Staff member / volunteer picking litter	Use litter picker to minimise risk of back injury. Ensure collection bag does not become too heavy or awkward to carry. With bulky waste follow <a href="#">manual handling risk assessment</a> or call appropriate waste collection service if required.				
<b>Dog faeces:</b> Bacterial infection, Toxocariasis.	Staff member / volunteer picking litter	Inspect area for dog fouling. Do not touch dog fouling unless using a dog poop bag.				

The task covered by this risk assessment should only be carried out by a member of staff or volunteer who is trained and authorised to do so. If you have any medical condition which might increase the likelihood of an accident or injury resulting from carrying out this task then you must discuss this with and be authorised by your line manager, before you attempt the task.

	<b>Assessment date</b>	<b>Assessor</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Initial assessment undertaken</b>	September 2009	Alison Vallance	
<b>Review 3 Completed:</b>	05/09/2012	Chris Parker	Head of Land Management
<b>Review 4 Completed:</b>	09/09/2013	Chris Parker	Head of Land Management
<b>Review 5 Completed:</b>	09/10/2014	Lorretta Waters	Neighborhood Wildlife Warden
<b>Review 6 Completed:</b>	17/09/2015	Lucy Tomkinson	Community Reserves Warden (CRW)
<b>Review 7 Completed:</b>	16/08/2016	Lucy Tomkinson	CRW
<b>Review 8 Completed:</b>	04/07/2017	George Cooper	Land Management Apprentice
<b>Review 9 completed:</b>	16/04/2019	Lucy Duerdoth	CRW
<b>Review 10 completed:</b>	06/05/2020	Lucy Duerdoth	Senior Warden
<b>Review 11 completed:</b>	11/03/2021	Lucy Duerdoth	Senior Warden
<b>Review 12 completed:</b>	26/11/2024	Tim Read	Countryside Manager