

## WEG GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM – Litter Picking

<b>Describe the activity being assessed:</b> Litter Pick around Winterbourne and Local Area	<b>Assessed by:</b> P C Sykes	<b>Endorsed by:</b> Duncan Porter
<b>Who might be harmed:</b> Adults and Children <b>How many exposed to risk:</b> up to 30	<b>Date of Assessment:</b> Generic assessment 26/2/2021	<b>Review date(s):</b> Annually 26/2/2022

Hazards Identified <i>(state the potential harm)</i>	Existing Control Measures	S	L	Risk Level	Additional Control Measures	S	L	Risk Level	By whom	Date completed
Harm to children from hazardous <sup>1</sup> litter (glass, needles, tin cans, sharp edges, unknown/hazardous contents in bottles/cans etc)	Children to be with their parents/carers. Parents/carers to warn their children about the hazards beforehand. Parents/carers to monitor the litter being collected by their children. Parents/carers to monitor the weight/bulk of children's litter sacks and ensure appropriate for each child.	3	2	6	Parents to prevent their children manually handling litter. Use of council-provided litter pickers. Parents/carers to make initial scan of the litter pick area for obvious hazards. Hazardous litter to be carried in adults' litter sacks. First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm to adults from hazardous litter (see above)	Adults not to manually handle litter until confident it is safe.	3	2	6	Use of council-provided litter pickers Use of council-provided gloves First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm from heavy or oversized litter	Heavy or oversized litter not to be collected; location to be noted and passed to the activity leader in order to inform S Glos Council.	3	1	3	Any heavy/oversized litter noticed beforehand to be briefed to pickers before starting.	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm from road traffic	All litter pickers to be vigilant near or in the roads. Parents/carers to monitor their children when near the roads.	5	2	10	Collecting of litter in the road is not to be undertaken if traffic is passing. Parents/carers briefed to be vigilant near the roads – children can easily become fixated on a piece of litter to collect.	4	1	4	P Sykes	26/2/2021

<sup>1</sup> Risks from cutting, fouling

					High vis vests to be worn when available					
Harm from plants or outdoor hazards	Adults to approach prickly/harmful plants with caution, and keep their children away when in the vicinity. Parents/carers to remain with and monitor their children	3	2	6	Use of council-provided gloves First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm to children from other pickers (abuse/ inappropriate behaviour) – safeguarding	Children to be with their parents/carers	3	1	3	Parents/Carers informed to stay with children.	1	1	1	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm from weather (cold, wet, sunstroke, dehydration etc)	Volunteers to dress appropriately and bring hot/cold drinks if needed. Parents/carers to ensure their children are dressed appropriately. Use of sunscreen when appropriate	3	2	6	Anyone suffering from the effects of the weather to stop the activity and make them selves safe. Informing the activity leader is secondary to looking after themselves.	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Materials left outside will harm the environment e.g. our litter	All materials to be collected and tidied after use.	1	2	2	Bags of rubbish to have their tops tied securely and be left in the place nominated by the activity leader, who will liase with S Glos Council for its collection as soon as possible.	1	2	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021

**RISK MATRIX: (To generate the risk level).**

Very likely 5	5	10	15	20	25
Likely 4	4	8	12	16	20
Possible 3	3	6	9	12	15
Unlikely 2	2	4	6	8	10
Extremely unlikely 1	1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood (L) ↑ Severity (S) →	Minor injury – No first aid treatment required 1	Minor injury – Requires First Aid Treatment 2	Injury - requires GP treatment or Hospital attendance 3	Major Injury 4	Fatality 5

**ACTION LEVEL: (To identify what action needs to be taken).**

POINTS:	RISK LEVEL:	ACTION:
1 – 2	NEGLIGIBLE	No further action is necessary.
3 – 5	TOLERABLE	Where possible, reduce the risk further
6 - 12	MODERATE	Additional control measures are required
15 – 16	HIGH	Immediate action is necessary
20 - 25	INTOLERABLE	Stop the activity/ do not start the activity