

Community Litter Pick Safety Briefing

Follow these 16 golden rules for a safe and successful litter pick

The Community Litter Pick Safety briefing has an essential role to play in ensuring the health and safety for your Community Volunteers and the following safety briefing must be delivered to the group prior to the event taking part and any groups / individuals once the event has started.

- All children under the age of 16 (and vulnerable adults) must be accompanied by a responsible adult and a copy of the safety briefing is available.
- A risk assessment has been undertaken by the volunteer beach clean organiser before the beach clean.
- Only carry out litter picks in safe locations eg. not adjacent to busy roads.
- Protective gloves provided must be worn at all times during the beach clean by volunteers.
- Use litter pickers to pick up litter.
- Do not pick up broken glass with your hands, use FCCT Broken Glass Kit.
- A first-aid kit is available at a designated location (let the group know the location).
- In case of an emergency, the organiser will carry a mobile phone or know where a land line is in close proximity in case of emergency.
- Suitable clothing for the weather conditions of the day must be worn by all volunteers.
- Syringe and Sharps should not be touched and reported to the organiser, who in turn will report the location to the FCCT Litter Maintenance Team.
- Tides – all beach cleaners should follow along and above the high-tide line (10 metres).
- Volunteers should avoid slippery rocks, cliffs and extremely muddy areas wherever possible.
- Do not collect any animal faeces or dead animals. Alert FCCT staff, or the organiser, to these.
- Do not tamper or interact with the local flora and fauna.
- Volunteers should not try to lift or move heavy objects without assistance and assessing the risk.
- Do not touch any unusual or potentially hazardous items that cannot be easily identified. These will need to be removed by the relevant council or maritime agency.

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