

## Risk Assessment

**How to complete a risk assessment:** Think about potential risks in the area you are planning to clean. Consider what you can do about them. By conducting a risk assessment, you are doing your best to keep people safe. This will make talking to your group before the event about safety precautions easier. Complete the table below, thinking about your litter picking area:

<b>Group name</b>		<b>Group leader name</b>		<b>Date of Litter-pick</b>	
<b>Date of assessment</b>		<b>Location of litter-pick</b>		<b>Time of litter-pick</b>	

<b>What is the risk?</b>	<b>Is the risk present Y/N?</b>	<b>What can be done to reduce the risk?</b>	<b>Who is going to do it and when?</b>
Highway vehicles, bicycles, collision with moving traffic			
Needles, broken glass or sharp objects, rusty edges (Cuts and infections)			
Heavy/awkward to handle rubbish (Pulled muscles)			
Toxic waste: Batteries, asbestos, chemicals etc			
Ground conditions (Sprains, muscle damage, and broken bones)			
Animals (Lyme disease is carried by animal ticks and bites/scratches from animals) Dog faeces			

Waterborne diseases (Weil's Disease from rats' urine)			
Adverse weather conditions			
Open water, marshes, bogs (drowning)			
Tools, equipment			
Trees, shrubs (Trips, cuts, and eye injuries)			

**On completion of the litter pick, ensure that:**

- Everyone washes their hands thoroughly after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink
- Any wounds are redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water
- All volunteers have reported back, and all equipment has been collected and sanitized
- All rubbish for collection has been left in the arranged pickup site

**Medical attention:** Take a first aid kit to your event. However, if someone has an injury or health issue that is more serious, make a note of where the nearest hospital is here:

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**Lost Property:**

Sometimes groups pick up certain discarded objects which they should hand into the local police station, such as stolen handbags, knives, etc – if you are not sure what to do with something you find, you can always ask your local council when they come to collect the litter or call 101 for non-urgent police enquiries.



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