Community Litter Picking

SAFETY BRIEFING

The following procedures must be followed at all times. They form a safe system of work and ensure the health, safety and welfare of teams and others who may be affected by the activity/work.

DO NOT

- Pick up litter by hand
- Reach in to a litter bin
- Work on any busy roads
- Work when it is dark or unsafe
- Handle any needles or sharp objects
- Leave equipment unattended
- Work in or near any water
- Work on your own

DO

USE THE TOOLS PROVIDED FOR THE JOB (do not use if defective)

- High visibility
- Litter picker
- Black bags
- Safety gloves

Before

- Let a member of your family know where you are and when you will be back
- Carry a mobile phone in case of emergencies

During

- Wear the high visibility vest and gloves provided at all times
- Ensure you are wearing sturdy footwear with good tread
- Look for/avoid obvious trip hazards (wet/loose ground, stones, debris, slopes etc.)
- Work facing the flow of traffic wherever possible
- Use good manual handling techniques
- When moving or carrying objects/black bags hold away from your body to avoid injury
- Inform the Ranger if you find a needle/syringe

After

- Return High visibility vest and litter picker to the Supervisor
- Dispose used safety gloves
- Place full black bags at the allocated collection point

ACCIDENTS/NEAR MISSES & FIRST AID

- Report all accidents/near misses to the Ranger and fill in the necessary paperwork
- The Ranger will have a first aid kit

What if I am pricked by a syringe or needle?

- Encourage the puncture injury to bleed
- Do not suck the wound
- Wash well under cold running water without soap & cover with a dry dressing
- Seek medical advice as soon as possible (a protective injection against Hepatitis B can be given but it needs to be within 48 hours) treatment therefore must begin without delay