

# General Risk Assessment Form

(Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999)

Litter Picking during Covid-19

Waste Services

Date of Assessment

15.07.21



**PKC doesn't condone verge litter picking and therefore road verges should be avoided completely when litter picking.**

No	Hazard / Harm	Persons at Risk	Max Probable Loss/Severity	Likelihood Probability	Existing Controls	Risk Score	Further Controls Required	Residual Risk Score	Person to Action Control
1	Slips, trips and falls	Person litter picking	3	3	<p>Before starting, check over the area to be worked on that day to identify hazards.</p> <p>Appropriate outdoor footwear must be worn.</p> <p>Work slowly, don't rush on uneven land. Work in pairs if possible, but socially distanced at all times.</p> <p>Avoid very muddy, wet areas</p>	9	<p>Have a first aid kit and a fully charged mobile phone with you. Where mobile phone coverage is not present a landline must be sourced and tested prior to event.</p> <p>Wear suitable footwear; non slip &amp; water proof</p>	9	Person litter picking
2	Aggression and Violence	Person litter picking	3	1	<p>Have a mobile phone fully charged to contact emergency services if they are required.</p>	3	<p>Let someone else know where you are litter picking and what time you intend to return.</p>	3	Person litter picking

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3	Adverse Weather Conditions	Person litter picking	3	2	6	Local forecasts should be viewed in advance and if extreme whether conditions, cancel trip.	6	Person litter picking
4	Social distancing due to Covid-19	Person litter picking	3	3	9	Read the Keep Scotland Beautiful Guidance on <a href="http://www.pkc.gov.uk/litterpickers">www.pkc.gov.uk/litterpickers</a> before starting a litter pick.	9	Person litter picking

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5	Working beside a water course Drowning Weils Disease	Person litter picking	3	2	Do not enter a water course. Any items pulled from water should only be handled while wearing gloves.	6	Keep a fully charged mobile phone with you in case you need to contact the emergency services.	6	Person litter picking
6	Cuts, abrasions, puncture injury	Person litter picking	3	1	Keep a first aid kit with you. Drugs needles must be identified and reported. Take care if picking up any broken glass or other sharp objects with hands – use a litter picker wherever possible.	3	Keep a fully charged mobile phone with you in case you need to contact the emergency services.	3	Person litter picking
7	Welfare	Person litter picking	1	1	Use anti-bacterial gel and hand wipes.	1	Wash your hands thoroughly and with soap when you return home and especially before consuming food/drink.	1	Person litter picking
8	Insect bites/stings	Person litter picking	5	2	Keep a first aid kit with you.	10	Areas of dense growth where insects may be nesting to be avoided.  keep a fully charged mobile phone with you for calling the emergency services	5	Person litter picking
9	Infection from dog faeces, litter	Person litter picking	3	1	Wear disposable gloves. Do not touch your mouth or face with dirty gloves or pickers and you're your hands as soon as possible after the litter pick and certainly before snacks. Do not touch dog faeces.	3	Use anti-bacterial gel and hand wipes.	3	Person litter picking
10	Injury from litter picker	Person litter picking	2	2	Use the equipment properly.	4	Keep a fully charged mobile phone with you for calling the emergency services	4	Person litter picking
11	Contact with dogs	Person litter picking	2	2	Do not approach dogs	4		4	

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12	Contact with plants (allergic reactions/poisoning)	Person litter picking	5	2	Have a first aid kit and anti-bacterial wipes with you. Avoid areas of heavy plant growth and only pick up litter with litter pickers with gloves on.	10	Keep a fully charged mobile phone with you for calling the emergency services	5	Person litter picking
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