



OSOF Health & Safety Brief

Thank you for doing your part in keeping Aotearoa/New Zealand clean and healthy. Every little bit of litter picked up safely, and disposed of correctly, makes a big difference. Picking up litter helps to protect our environment, but we also want you to stay safe during our clean-up events. *Think Safety First!*

Event Date:	
Meeting Location:	
Event Coordinator/s:	
Contact Phone Number:	

During the Event

- Register your details before taking part in the event, and follow the instructions of your Event Coordinator/s.
- You must wear appropriate shoes or boots. These should be closed-toe footwear that provide a good fit, and have adequate tread. Gumboots, Jandals, or barefoot are not allowed during our cleanup events.
- You must wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly.
- Bring sunscreen, water, snacks, and any medications that you require.
- Wear gloves when picking up litter. Please bring your own reusable gloves, such as sturdy gardening style gloves if possible.
- Do not venture on dangerous, rough, slippery looking terrain. If in doubt, avoid these areas.
- Do not enter the water.
- Pick up non-biodegradable litter only, and put it into bags or containers that are provided to you. Please leave biodegradable items.

- Volunteers under 18, and children must be supervised at all times.
- Collect trash in pairs or groups for added safety.
- Take frequent rest breaks, and keep hydrated.
- Do not approach or disturb wildlife.
- Do not pick-up hazardous or suspicious looking items (see section below)
- Return your collected litter back to the event meeting location as instructed by your Event Coordinator.

Emergency Procedures

1. In the case injuries and incidents, inform or contact the Event Coordinator, who will have access to a First Aid Kit on site.
2. If the injury or incident is an emergency, call 111, and inform the Event Coordinator.

Hazardous and Suspicious Looking Objects

- Do not pick up **Asbestos** or any items resembling a fibrous material. (see examples below).
- Do not pick up **Syringes/ Sharps/Sanitary items/Rusty items/Industrial waste/Broken glass/Car batteries and other potentially dangerous items.**
- Do not pick up **Illegally dumped litter.** E.g. where clearly household trash has been dumped.
- Do not touch **pest control bait stations** or **traps.**
- Make note of the location of any hazardous and suspicious looking items and report to your Event Coordinator.

Examples of Asbestos materials:

