

## 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!*

<b>Event Date:</b>	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	
<b>Event Coordinator/s:</b>	
<b>Contact Phone Number:</b>	

### During the Event

- Register your details before taking part in the event, and follow the instructions of your Event Coordinator/s.
- Comply with all Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) requirements (Traffic Light System).
- 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 of 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.
- 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:

