



Safety Brief

Ensure all event participants have heard and understand the following information, before clean-up begins.

Safety

- **Only adults are to deal with hazardous objects and materials**, such as fishing equipment, broken glass, sanitary waste (diapers/nappies, condoms, tampons), industrial waste, car batteries etc. If in doubt, ask Team Leader.
- **Do not pick up medical sharps or asbestos** (see images over the page). For sharps, inform Team Leader first. You **must** have a secure container, such as a strong plastic bottle with a lid, to store it in safely.
- **Do not pick up rotting natural waste** as it can be a hazard to others. Inform team leader if you find any and **never mix** with other coastal rubbish.
- **Watch where you are walking** at all times. Coastal terrain can be challenging and areas can be slippery, sharp or contain loose materials.
- **Do not approach or disturb wildlife**, including bees/wasps and nesting birds. Please do not enter fenced off dotterel areas nor approach penguin nests.

Rubbish

- Ensure that the boundaries for your group are clear and that participants do not go past these during the event without telling Team Leader / Site Manager.
- Provide clear instructions on when and where your team will return after clean-up.
- Pick up rubbish and put it in sacks. **No natural / biodegradable waste. No wood (unless it has fiberglass attached)**. If any animals / marine creatures are found caught in rubbish, inform Team Leader and photograph, mark location on map, remove plastics and bury remains above high-tide mark.
- Put all mixed rubbish together, recyclables and otherwise. Rubbish will be separated for data collection and recycling after the clean-up.
- Bring all rubbish sacks back to the Event Station and leave where instructed if you can manage it.
- If carrying rubbish will impede your ability to put more into sacks or move safely around the coast, leave secured sacks and/or large pieces of rubbish **at least 5 metres above** the high-tide mark, all in one large pile, and mark as accurately as possible on your map where this is. Inform Team Leaders / Site Manager of this, who will convey this information to Event Director after the event.

Emergency procedures

For injuries and incidents requiring first aid beyond your team's capability, make contact either via cellphone, VHF radio or a practical signaling system. Emergency protocol is:

1. Inform your Team Leader of the situation before anything else.
2. DO NOT compromise your safety to assist someone else.
3. Phone _____ if it is an emergency, otherwise call Event Director _____
4. If cellphone is out of signal, emergency channel on VHF radio is Channel _____
5. If there is no cellphone reception nor VHF radio available, tie a white empty rubbish sack to a stick and wave in the air to signal for help to passersby.



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Extreme caution required with these items



Syringes



Asbestos