

### What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Cuts, puncture wounds and lacerations from sharp items



Impact injuries from collisions with moving vehicles



Bacterial or viral infections from contact with contaminated waste



Slips or trip injuries from slippery or uneven ground



Electric shock from contact with live electric fencing



Burns, explosion, skin irritation from discarded batteries or waste chemicals



Thermal discomfort from exposure to weather conditions



Back or muscle strain from manual handling

### What PPE should the individual wear?



### What other precautions should be taken?



Use suitable tools to pick up items

## Litter, weed and leaf clearing

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### Safe System of Work

1. You must wear reinforced toe cap safety boots, protective gloves, a high-viz jacket or vest and clothing suitable for the weather conditions.
2. The activity should only take place during daylight hours.
3. Be aware of moving vehicles and face traffic if you have to step into vehicle access routes.
4. Be mindful of your surroundings and take care when using steps and raised walkways.
5. Use appropriate tools, such as a litter grabber, to pick up items, in particular hypodermic needles, sharps, glass, tin cans etc. Do not use your hands to pick up items.
6. Take care when removing bottles, cans and other containers, as these may contain liquids.
7. Hypodermic needles and other medical sharps must be discarded in a sharps box. Never attempt to re-sheath a hypodermic needle or needle. Follow the controls on STCGE15 to prevent medical sharp injuries.
8. Use a rake or spade to collect up broken glass and place it in a strong woven bag or similar container.
9. Dispose of broken glass, sharp or rusty items in a suitable container.
10. Any discarded batteries, waste chemicals, significant amounts of animal waste or unknown waste should be reported for safe disposal.
11. Before working alongside any electric fencing this must have been isolated. Follow the site-specific protocol..
12. All rubbish and green waste must be disposed of in the relevant waste stream.
13. Thoroughly wash your hands after completing the task

**If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding**

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified, and control measures required to manage these.