

Rusper Parish Council



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Risk assessment for litter collection in Rusper – 2025

Risks	Mitigation
Safety equipment	Please ensure hi visibility waistcoat is worn at all times when working. You must also wear gloves and use a litter picking stick to avoid close contact with litter. Please carry a suitably charged mobile phone in case of emergency.
Close contact with litter & potentially dangerous items	Gloves to be worn and stick used to collect litter. Do not attempt to pick up dangerous items such as chemicals, asbestos, oil drums, gas cylinders, sharp items etc. These items should be left and notified to Rusper PC for collection.
Lifting heavy items	If in doubt whether it can safely be lifted, leave it and notify Rusper PC for item to be collected.
Traffic	Work at least 1.2m away from the highway (your stick should reach the highway whilst you remain a safe distance) and work against the flow of traffic. Ensure visibility is good at all times. Don't wear headphones or earpieces so that you remain alert to traffic. Avoid roads above 40mph unless there is a footway. Work at times when traffic is lighter, e.g. after 9.30 am and before 3.30 pm.
Weather	To avoid sun exposure, cover up and wear sun lotion. If visibility becomes impaired by heavy rain/fog/snow etc stop work. Do not work in high winds.

Risk of accidents or injury	<p>If you work alone, ensure someone knows where you are and what time you will return. Ensure you have a fully charged mobile phone.</p> <p>Wear appropriate clothing and footwear, e.g. no flip flops.</p> <p>Perform Dynamic Risk Assessments to keep yourself safe. Never take unnecessary risks.</p>
Risk of infection with Covid-19	<p>Maintain 2m distance between you and members of the public.</p> <p>Maintain high levels of personal hygiene, washing hands regularly for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser where hand washing facilities are not available.</p> <p>Stop work, return home, and notify Rusper Parish Council if you feel unwell with any of the known symptoms of Covid-19 and adhere to the Government's self-isolation guidance.</p>

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