



GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT GR13: DUNE & BEACH WORK

ACTIVITY ASSESSED	ASSESSMENT DATE	
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ACTIVITY LOCATION	DATE FOR RE-ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED BY
persons at risk: all volunteers; especially young persons		GRASSROOTS
risk level: generally moderate except as indicated		

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION	<p>General safety</p> <p>Contact with micro- organisms inc Lyme Disease</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Hidden objects/animals in the sand</p> <p>Slipping on wet rocks</p> <p>Cut off at high tide</p> <p>Cuts from Marram grass</p> <p>General public</p> <p>Falling objects</p>
HAZARD OR HAZARDOUS EVENT	PRECAUTIONS
General safety	<p>Task leader must assess state of beach before work starts by walking the site</p> <p>Emergency procedures for contacting Coastguard must be agreed before project starts</p> <p>Regular look out to be set to assess state of tide & sea conditions</p> <p>Sturdy footwear must be worn</p> <p>Wear gloves to prevent cuts & abrasions and use tools to dig out objects or prepare holes</p>
Contact with micro- organisms	<p>Advise participants to have Tetanus inoculation</p> <p>Wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking</p> <p>Do not wash hands in seawater, use clean water and antibacterial wash/soap solution</p> <p>Cover all cuts with waterproof plasters</p> <p>Advise volunteers of link to Grass Roots website information on Lyme disease (to all working in dunes/grassland – see page 3 of 3)</p>
<p>Ticks (Lyme disease)</p> <p>see also: GR26/Lyme Disease</p>	<p>When working in dunes, especially where there has been livestock</p> <p>Advise individuals to check themselves for signs of ticks at the end of the working day</p> <p>Arms and legs should be covered when working in bracken and heather particularly between May and September</p> <p>Trousers must be tucked into socks</p> <p>Wear gloves for clearance work</p> <p>If a tick is spotted remove immediately</p> <p>If a tick has already attached seek medical advice for removal and indications of onset of Lyme disease</p> <p>Advise volunteers of link to Grass Roots website information on Lyme disease to all working in dunes/grassland</p>

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Litter	<p>Gloves to be worn or litter pickers used</p> <p>Volunteers to be advised to take care when working in seaweed line</p> <p>Any needles/sharps/medical items & faeces or dead animals to be notified to task leader for decision/removal</p> <p>Large items to be agreed for removal & assessed for safe means including heavy items</p>
Hidden objects/animals in the sand	<p>Always leave tools in clear , safe place</p> <p>Ensure volunteers are made aware of possible hazards during initial safety briefing</p>
Slipping on wet rocks	<p>Limit tools and equipment carried to one hand only , leaving one hand free for balance</p> <p>Sturdy footwear with a firm grip must be worn</p>
Cut off at high tide	<p>Tide times must be known and used to plan work on coastal sites</p> <p>Areas prone to being cut off must be marked and all participants made aware of strict return times from them</p>
Cuts from Marram grass	<p>Wear protective gloves when planting or handling Marram grass</p>
General public	<p>Volunteers to be aware of walkers/children/dogs/riders</p>
Falling objects	<p>Avoid working under, or close to , unstable cliffs</p> <p>Wear a helmet if working within 15m of unstable cliff face</p>