



SAS Mandatory Safety Guidelines and Safety Brief for Million Mile Clean Events

At Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) we consider the safety of our participants to be of paramount importance. Million Mile Clean events are covered under SAS's public liability insurance provided that a dynamic risk assessment is conducted based upon our generic Million Mile Clean risk assessment.

The following points should be covered both in preparation for the event and during your safety briefing.

Risk

SAS accepts no responsibility or liability, except where required by law, for any injury or illness that may be caused or triggered by the Clean. Clean Leaders are to ensure the safety recommendations are briefed and that the risk assessment is made available for participants to view if they wish. The Risk Assessment is a "**living document**" and does not mitigate all potential risk for each individual clean event; the risk assessment should be dynamically updated where necessary.

Safety Recommendation (Clean Leader guidelines)

Children: All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. SAS Staff/Regional Reps/Clean Leaders provide no child care provision and are in no way accountable for juveniles (or adults) attending the event.

Suitable Clothing: Participants should ensure they are wearing suitable clothing and footwear to protect themselves from the meteorological elements of the day to avoid exposure, illnesses or injury.

Gloves: Where possible we ask that Clean Leaders provide some form of hand protection for their participants and it is strongly advised that participants do not handle refuse material without hand protection. If there is likely to be an insufficient amount of hand protection at an event then participants should be asked to bring their own form of hand protection prior to the start of the event. SAS are in no way liable for any injury caused by the failure of any form of issued or non-issued hand protection to protect participant's hands which ultimately results in injury or illness.

Sharps Collection: Participants must be advised that SAS do not ask that sharp objects (i.e. syringes, broken glass, sharp metals) or unhygienic waste, such as dog poo or sanitary towels be collected during a SAS clean. This decision to touch/pick up such items lies entirely with each individual participant. Sharps containers can be requested a minimum of two weeks

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prior to an event taking place if the Clean Leaders choose at their own risk to collect sharp items.

Tides: Beach cleans should be organised to coincide with an outgoing tide. Participants should be made aware of the prevailing tidal conditions during the safety briefing, prior to the start of the event.

Environment: Participants should be advised of any hazards that are unique to the area in which the clean is taking place (i.e. slippery rocks, mud flats, high levels of traffic).

Wildlife: The disturbance of wildlife (i.e. nesting sites) should be avoided wherever possible and participants should be aware of the negative effects of foot traffic on dune systems. Participants should also be advised to avoid contact with any local fauna or flora to minimise the risk of injury through stings, bites and scratches.

Coastguard/Lifeguards: Where applicable it will be the responsibility of the individual event organiser to notify the appropriate authorities of what it is you are doing and make the participants aware of the location of the nearest coast guard station or phone where they can raise the alarm and contact the emergency services if an incident were to occur. Each Clean Leader **must have access to a mobile phone (with signal) or a land line** (e.g., beach café, lifeguard station).

Emergency Services: All event organisers must ensure they have 2 separate means of raising the emergency services, be it landline access or mobile phone. Clean Leaders must also ensure they have a predesigned emergency service rendezvous point. All emergency services including the Lifeguard can be raised using the **(999)** emergency line.

First Aid Kit: Clean leaders must provide a basic First Aid Kit. All participants present at the opening brief should be made aware of the location of the First Aid Kit.

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Safety Briefing (All Clean Leaders must deliver this briefing to all participants)

This safety brief must be given to all participants prior to every Million Mile Clean.

- All children under the age of 18, and vulnerable adults, must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- A risk assessment has been undertaken by the Clean Leader before the event and is available for any participant to view.
- Protective gloves provided must be worn at all times during the clean by participants.
- Ensure all participants are aware of the location of a First Aid kit.
- In case of emergency, Clean Leaders carry a mobile phone or know where a land line is in close proximity, should there be no reception.
- Suitable clothing for the weather conditions of the day must be worn by all participants.
- If a sharps container is present at the event, participants should be made aware that the decision to touch/pick up such items lies entirely with each individual and that SAS does not ask participants to collect sharps or other unhygienic waste items.
- Participants should avoid slippery rocks, cliffs and extremely muddy areas wherever possible.
- Do not collect any animal faeces or dead animals. Alert the Clean Leader to these.
- Do not tamper or interact with the local flora and fauna.
- Participants should not try to lift or move heavy objects without assistance.
- Do not touch any unusual or potentially hazardous items that cannot be easily identified. These will need to be removed by the relevant council or maritime agency.

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