

SAS Mandatory 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 the safety briefing that you should give to all participants ahead of the clean.

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

- **Risk Assessment:** A risk assessment has been undertaken by the Clean Leader before the event and is available for any participant to view.
- **Children and Vulnerable Adults:** All children under the age of 18, and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a responsible adult. As the clean lead you provide no child care provision and are in no way accountable for juveniles (or adults) attending the event.
- **Photography:** If photography is taking place, ensure that all participants are made aware and can choose to not have their photo taken. If any children under 16 or vulnerable adults are present - written permission must be obtained before these photos can be submitted to SAS for use. Each identifiable person must have their own completed [Child and Vulnerable Adults Permission Form](#) signed directly by their parent or guardian. (Permission signed by a school, nursery, Scout group or other organisation on behalf of a child or vulnerable adult is not sufficient). (Photos and permission forms can be [uploaded here](#).)
- **Suitable Clothing:** Participants should ensure they are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions. Protective gloves provided must be worn at all times during the clean.
- **Sharps Collection and Unhygienic Waste:** 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. The decision to touch/pick up such items lies entirely with each individual participant.
- **Wildlife:** Please be respectful of all local flora and fauna, and do not tamper with it. Do not collect any animal faeces or dead animals. This is for the protection of the wildlife, and for the safety of participants to minimise the risk of injury through stings, bites and scratches.

- **Heavy Objects:** Participants should not try to lift or move heavy objects without assistance.
- **Hazardous materials:** 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.
- **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). Participants should avoid slippery rocks, cliffs and extremely muddy areas.
- **(If a coastal clean) Tides:** *Beach cleans should be organised to coincide with an outgoing tide.* Inform participants of the current tidal conditions – stating the times for low and high tide.
- **First Aid Kit:** Ensure all participants are aware of the location of a First Aid kit.
- **Emergency Services:** In case of emergency, all event organisers must ensure they have 2 separate means of raising the emergency services, be it a nearby 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. Inform participants of how they contact the emergency services if an incident were to occur.