



# Volunteer clean-up safety checklist

## Review these safety items with volunteers prior to the start of your clean-up.

- Watch for cars and other vehicles.
- Obey traffic regulations. Cross streets at intersections.
- Ensure minors are supervised by adults at all times.
- Work in pairs.
- Wear sturdy gloves.
- Wear a high-visibility safety vest or other bright clothing at all times.
- Wear suitable footwear. Work boots are preferred. No sandals.
- Dress appropriately for the weather. Avoid restrictive clothing.
- Avoid using headphones.
- Never reach into any area that you cannot see into clearly, like bushes, ivy or ground cover.
- **NEEDLES: DO NOT PICK UP NEEDLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** Leave the needle where it is and report the location to the Needle Hotline at 604-657-6561.
- **BROKEN GLASS: DO NOT PLACE BROKEN GLASS OR OTHER SHARP OBJECTS INTO THE GARBAGE BAGS.** This is a safety hazard for those who handle the bags.
- **USED CONDOMS: WHILE WEARING GLOVES (LATEX OR RUBBER) PICK UP THE CONDOM WITH TONGS AND PLACE IN GARBAGE BAG.** If you do not have tongs, report the location of the condom to your block captain/team lead.
- **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: DO NOT HANDLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. REPORT HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO THE CITY OF VANCOUVER BY CALLING 311 OR USE THE VANCONNECT APP** (examples include but not limited to: medical waste, liquid waste, flammables, explosives, chemicals, waste oil, drywall, demolition materials, dead animals, excrement, asbestos, oil stoves)
- **LARGE OR HEAVY ITEMS: DO NOT HANDLE OR ATTEMPT TO LIFT LARGE OR HEAVY ITEMS. REPORT ALL ABANDONED LARGE ITEMS TO THE CITY OF VANCOUVER BY CALLING 311 OR USE THE VANCONNECT APP.**
- Wash your hands after the cleanup.

### CONTACT NUMBERS

In the event of an accident or emergency	9-1-1
Needle Pickup Hotline	604 657-6561
Neighbourhood Cleanup Party	604 871-6443
Large Items or Hazardous Waste	Call 3-1-1 or use VanConnect App