

# World Cleanup Day safety and crisis guidelines



**Cleanup work should be carried out as safely as possible!** Being aware of various safety points not only reduces the risk of accidents or illness, but also enables groups to work more effectively, thus increasing everybody's enjoyment and satisfaction.

Please keep in mind that all **participants take part of their own free will** and neither country nor local team leaders can be held responsible for any unexpected situations.

All critical incidents that happen during World Cleanup Day need to be solved locally.

## Be prepared

**Know your area** that you are going to clean up and inform all your team members about it.

- Exact location of cleanup area (address or coordinates). It is also important in case you may need to call for help.
- Specific characters and landscape or nature risks/hazards – i.e. coastal area, traffic, altitude/elevation/depth, bodies of water, dangerous manmade objects (power grid, pipelines, possible land mines, etc).
- If there is a possibility of meeting dangerous animals, learn how to avoid them.
- Are there any criminal activities that are known of?

## First aid and personal safety

- Make sure there is at least one person in the group who can provide first aid. For safety reasons all group members should have basic personal protective equipment: gloves, proper clothes and shoes, drinking water, first aid kit. Minimum daily intake of water per person is 1.5 litres / 0.4 gallons.  
**A proper first aid kit should include at least:**
- Personal medications
- Wound care (bandages, roll gauze, leukotapes)
- Tools (scissors; precision tweezers; hand sanitizer; medical gloves).

## Know your group

Keep a record of many members you have, what their names and mobile phone numbers are. It is good way to keep contact with them.

## Weather conditions

Stay up to date with the local weather forecast and prepare for the situation. If the weather forecast predicts extreme conditions (such as storms, very heavy rain), ask for advice from local experts on how to continue with the cleanup.

## Be in touch!

Make sure there is at least one fully-charged mobile phone per group or know where the closest calling option is. Know and save all important contact and emergency numbers!

Emergency numbers in your country/area – police, fire, ambulance.

World Cleanup Day country's team leader/ coordinator/crisis hotline.

Group members' contact numbers, if possible.



## In case of incident or crisis

Take seriously all incidents that threaten people's health and safety or a clean environment.

What to do if an unexpected situation happens:

1. Stop your clean-up work!
2. Stay calm and ensure your own safety!
3. CALL to emergency!
4. Follow the instructions!
5. Make sure anyone else is safe!



- If someone's health or life is in danger, call local or national emergency/police.
- Tell them clearly what was happened, where and with whom.
- Answer the questions and follow the instructions and advice.

If needed and if you are qualified to do so!