



# Yorkshire Coast Marine Litter Coalition

## *Beach Clean Guidelines*

This step-by-step guide has been created to help you deliver a safe beach clean along the Yorkshire coastline (Staithes in North Yorkshire to Spurn Point in the East Riding of Yorkshire). You are responsible for your own personal safety and must ensure that you adhere to any relevant regulations when carrying out beach / marine litter activities.

### **Before the event**

- Ensure a site visit has been completed.
- Ensure tide times have been checked.
- Ensure a task & site risk assessment have been completed.
- Ensure your event organiser is first aid trained & has a first aid kit.
- If organising a beach clean event with the general public, ensure that you have public liability in place to protect yourself.
- It is best practice to email the appropriate local authority (see table) to inform them of the date, time and location of the event and request that they collect bags of rubbish. Remember to include where the bags of rubbish will be left for collection.

### **During the event**

- Ensure all attendees wear suitable clothing.
- Ensure all attendees have appropriate PPE and equipment such as gloves and litter pickers.
- Ensure all attendees are aware of the potential risks.
- Ensure you have a buddy system in place if you are litter picking on your own.
- If you are taking photos of children, ensure you have parental consent forms with you.
- Don't touch or pick-up dead animals (report any dead cetaceans to Cetacean Stranding's Investigation Programme - 0800 652 0333)
- Don't go near live animals (report any live stranding's to British Divers Marine Life Rescue - 01825 765546 or RSPCA - 0300 1234999)
- Don't pick up syringes, needles or any hazardous objects – let the local authority know using the contact details provided.

### **After the event**

- If waste collected can fit into a public bin, please safely put it inside.
- If you have arranged for the waste to be collected by the local authority, please make sure all bags are safely closed and left in the agreed location; do not leave bags next to public bins without informing the local authority.
- As a last resort, the waste collected from the activity can be transported in a private vehicle to a local household waste recycling site, however you must ensure that the site can accept the waste and that you adhere to Environment Agency [regulations](#).
- If a survey has been completed on behalf of an organisation, please remember to submit your findings as soon as possible.

All waste should either be placed securely in a public bin, or collected by the local authority. Prior to the event, arrange a collection using the contact details below. These details can also be used to inform the local authorities of any needles or hazardous waste.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Staites to Speeton	Scarborough Borough Council	Customer services: 01723 232323
Flamborough to Skipsea	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Customer services: 01482 393939
Skipsea to Spurn		

*The Yorkshire Coast Marine Litter Coalition exists to connect the various groups carrying out beach cleans and marine litter activities along the Yorkshire coast. If you would like information regarding beach cleans already taking place along the Yorkshire coastline, please check out our website: [www.ymnp.org.uk](http://www.ymnp.org.uk)*