## LiveSafe Safety Flash

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## **Blades found in Anti Covid Posters**

Recently, there has been an attempt to spread anti-covid views. There have been posters placed in prominent locations, such as doors, lamp posts, walls and places related to the combat of Covid-19 such as testing sites.

These propaganda posters promote the non wearing of masks, anti testing and vaccinating, or the existence of Covid. A number of media sources are reporting that razor blades have been attached to the back, intended to harm the person taking down the poster.

In one example, when pulling down a laminated poster against mask-wearing, a person was cut by a blade stuck to the back of the poster.





This means that, any anti covid posters may have razors attached, meaning caution must be taken when handling or removing these.

Testing, vaccination sites and government buildings are obvious targets for anti-Covid propaganda.

Extra caution should be taken when removing such propaganda, being aware that a blade may be attached to it.

## What you need to do

- ✓ ALWAYS be cautious when removing anti-covid and antivaccination posters
- ✓ ALWAYS adhere to the control measures in your risk assessments and safe systems of work
- ✓ ALWAYS ensure you have the correct tools and PPE to carry out your tasks safely
- ✓ ALWAYS seek medical advice if cut by a blade from posters as the blade could contain an infection or disease.
- ✓ **ALWAYS** follow your training
- ✓ ALWAYS report incidents, near misses and hazard observations directly onto EcoOnline or call Lifeline on 0800 633 5115
- ✓ ALWAYS Stop and Intervene when you believe ANY job or action is not safe and could cause harm to people, assets and reputation

