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Blades found in anti-Covid posters

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Background

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, they are anti-testing and vaccinating, and question the existence of Covid.

There have been a number of reports that razor blades have been attached to the back of the posters intended to harm the person taking it down. 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 incident was not on the TfL network*).



Instruction

When removing any unofficial posters, you must:

- Look at the front and rear and check for “sharps”
- use the local Safe System of Work for dealing safely with sharps if any are found (this is normally for needles/syringes)
- make sure you have the correct tools and any PPE to carry out your tasks safely
- report the presence of any poster capable of causing injury.

If you are cut by a blade attached to a poster you must seek immediate medical advice.

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