

Activity Risk Assessment: - Axe Throwing

Belchamps Scout Activity Centre recognises that using a suitably trained under scout POR 9.38 Tomahawk Throwing, no member of staff will run this activity without completing training and 7 hours of range time. Instructors are first-aid trained. First-aid box on range. Completed by Derek Hagan 20th Feb 2020

No	Hazard	Who it effects	Unmanaged risks	Control Measures	Managed Risk
1	Slips trips and falls.	Everyone	Medium	Relate to the group that only walking is permitted in the Axe Throwing Area. Instructor to clear any trip hazards from range when setting up activity area.	Low
2	Cuts from axes	Everyone	Medium	Brief the group on the dangers of the axe: where to hold it and not to touch the blade.	Low
3	Accidental release behind thrower	Everyone	Medium	Position group on waiting benches. Instructor to stand to one side. Leaders Pictures from Viewing Area only. Back fall is set at 4M as per POR 9.38	Low
4	Being hit by a Tomahawk or Angle	Everyone	Medium	Position group on waiting benches. Instructor to stand to one side. Instructor to manage group and give safety brief. Students only to approach the Throwing Line by invitation of instructor, opening/closing range barrier chain.	Low
5	Cuts or injury from dropping the axe	Students	Medium	Students to wear appropriate clothing and closed-toe footwear. Angle holders to be always used.	Low
6	Hitting ones-self while throwing or retrieving axe.	Students	High	Safety brief and demonstration. Careful group management and vigilance. Remove Hawk/Angle standing at side of target (Not facing target)	Low

7	Shoulder/elbow strain	Everyone	Medium	Advise the group to warm up if necessary. Practice with a handle first if necessary.	Low
8	Horseplay	Everyone	High	Good group management. Sheath/Box un-used axes and keep out of the way. Stop session if it is felt that anyone's safety is at risk.	Low
9	Over-throwing	Everyone	Low	Targets placed sensibly. Front Legs on Back-stop line, this provides 10m and is over the 8m clear back drop in Scout POR 9.38	Low
10	Bounce back	Everyone	Medium	Demonstrate correct technique. Make sure group stays back by waiting area, Throwers Min 3m line with Angles and 4m with Tomahawks	Low
11	Other users straying into area	Everyone	Medium	Fence kept in good order. Signage. Instructor to remain vigilant. Second Gate with chain closed to other waiting users at all times.	Low
12	Straying into lanes	Everyone	High	Targets will always all be set 2m apart, all Students are only to approach a target with the instructor gives the "safe to collect" command.	Low
13	Dropping Tomahawk or Angle on Foot	Everyone	Medium	No open toed shoes are to be worn on the range this is not allowed for any reason.	Low
14	Weather	Everyone	High	Instructor to ensure weather is suitable for the activity. All members to wear suitable clothing and non-restrictive to equipment.	Low

