

Soft Archery & Tomahawks - Risk Assessment

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Hazard	What are the Risks	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it?	Review & revise
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.	The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to participants?	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.
Bow String	Abrasion / bruising to arm or face, getting caught in long hair	Young People	Demonstrate correct technique and arm position Ensure equipment is inspected before use Encourage youngsters to wear long sleeves Long hair to be tied back	
Stray Arrows / Axes	Bruising, eye injury	Young People Adults supervising	Maintain a clear shooting area to be kept clear Arrows must always be pointed towards the target Barriers to be used if appropriate Maintain a sensible overshoot area Set up range away from observers/public and towards a wall / fence / barrier if possible Demonstrate correct technique	
Arrow / Axe Collection	Bruising, eye injury	Young People Adults supervising	Ensure all participants have finished shooting before collecting arrows Bows to remain down throughout arrow collection	
Faulty Equipment	Bruising, cuts and scrapes	Young People	All equipment inspected before use Any damage to equipment to be reported to QM	
Incorrect technique	Bruising, cuts, scrapes, sprains	Young People	Demonstrate correct technique Give clear instructions Monitor participants throughout and correct technique if required	