

Wakefield Divisions Midgley Campsite - Soft axe throwing risk assessment

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What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Tick if all in place
Inappropriate running of the activity	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Access to the range to be limited to active participants only. · Instructor to check the equipment prior to use 	
Injury to participants and instructors through incorrect use of equipment, accidental release or 'bounce back	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Safety briefing by trained persons. · All persons involved remain in the designate area in the range. · No unauthorised access to the equipment or in the throwing area · No throwing to take place without supervision of an instructor. · Only purpose made throwing items to be used. · Warning people of the danger if they enter the throwing area 	
Over and side shoots, bounce back	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Participants to be given clear instruction on direction of throwing. · Physical stop behind targets to stop overthrows. · Observation/ waiting area to be at the side or at the rear of activity area. 	
Participants' behaviour	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · If in the opinion of the instructor the behaviour of an individual or the group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session then the activity session will be stopped and the person or persons causing concern removed. · No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs should be allowed on the activity site. 	
Injury to participant(s) and instructor(s)	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction on throwing a tomahawk. · Demonstrate the correct method of removing the tomahawk from the target. · Number of people at the throwing points to be controlled by the instructor (Maximum of 12 per session). · A first aid box should be kept in the activity area during the running of the activity. 	
Equipment failure	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Equipment to be checked regularly and particularly before use. · Instructor to give clear demonstration and instruction how to use a tomahawk. 	
Unauthorised use	ALL	Tomahawks to be removed from activity area and correctly stored in locked storage area.	

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Manual handling of targets and stands	ALL	· Injury through manual handling of targets and stands can be reduced significantly by the use of two or more people being used to move them on the site. Only people trained to move the stands and targets should be allowed to do so	
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Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved