

Risk Assessment – Axe Throwing



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General Information	This risk assessment considers the use of throwing axes at our dedicated ranges.
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Instructor Competence	L&W Statement of Competence
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Ratios & Remits	1:4 on the throwing line.
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Identified Hazards	Who is at risk?	Example Causes	Control Measures
Personal Injury E.g. Trips and slips, cuts, bruises	Instructors & All Participants/Group Leaders	- Poor supervision which leads to axes being thrown when participants are collecting axes. - Throwing the axes with excessive force leading to bounce back. - Poor safety brief - Inability of participants to behave in a safe manner. - Running to collect axes.	- Appropriate clothing to be worn / carried. - Throwing line to be established. - Staff to control when axes are picked up and thrown etc. - Axes only to be thrown towards targets. - Everybody collects axes only when the instructor indicates it's safe too. - Designate a safe zone to the side of the range.. - Instructor to demonstrate correct technique

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		- No safety zone set. - Poor instruction and demonstrations.	for throwing and collecting axes and monitors. - Instructor to provide health and safety briefing to prevent injuries. - Instructor to carry a first aid kit.
Difficulty controlling body temperature (Hyperthermia/Hypothermia)	Instructors & All Participants/Group Leaders	- Cold, wet windy days. - Hot, sunny days - Inappropriate clothing	- Appropriate clothing to be worn / carried. - Appropriate amounts / type of food and drink should be carried depending on weather conditions, terrain etc. - Appropriate group safety equipment to be carried – e.g. shelter, warmth etc.
Injury to others	Public	- Unacceptable range set up.	- Instructor to consider surroundings carefully before erecting range. - Minimum area required behind / side of the targets - Warning signs could be used if taking place in a place where lots of public are around.

This risk assessment in no way negates the need for continual dynamic risk assessment on session.

You must report incidents or near misses using company procedures.

If you have any concerns or questions about the risk assessment speak to your manager.