



<b>RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:</b>	TOMAHAWK THROWING	<b>DATE OF LAST REVIEW:</b>	10 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024
<b>LOCATION:</b>	THE TOMAHAWK THROWING RANGE	<b>LAST REVIEWED BY:</b>	CHARLIE PIKE, OPERATIONS MANAGER

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Unsupervised activity.	Injury or death caused by improper use of the range or equipment. Damage to equipment from improper use.	Unauthorised / unsupervised people entering the range.	The range has high fences all the way around and is also locked when not being accessed by authorised persons. Activity Participants will not be left unsupervised in the range. All equipment is stored locked away. Keys to access the range and equipment are kept in the office and not to be given to unauthorised persons.	All site staff.
Under qualified supervision.	Injury or death caused by incorrect technique, lack of knowledge of the risks and control measures and improper use of equipment which could also lead to equipment failure or damage to the equipment or the range.	Participants being supervised  and the supervisor themselves.	Butchers Coppice instructors are to have a minimum of on-site training and assessment for this activity. This is monitored via our in-house database.  Non Butchers Coppice supervisors are preferred to have Bush Scout training or our on-site training and	Butchers Coppice Operations Team.

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			assessment.	
Horseplay & overcrowding.	Sessions becoming uncontrolled, participants not following instruction causing injury to themselves or others.	Anyone within the range.	Sessions are limited to an absolute maximum of 15 participants. Groups must have a responsible person accompanying them during the activity, they are responsible for pastoral care, first aid and behaviour. Participants not following instructions or becoming unruly are to be asked to leave the range for re-education or permanent removal. Sessions should be stopped if deemed necessary for the safety of everyone.	Designated group responsible persons. Activity instructor/ supervisor.
Poor lighting.	Instructor unable to supervise activity safely. Walking into range furniture or protruding tomahawks.	Anyone within the range.	Both the range safe and danger areas are well lit for activities to be able to take place with appropriate lighting if not in daylight. If sufficient lighting is not available, activity should not take place.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors/ supervisors.
Uneven or wet floor.	Slips, trips & falls.	Anyone within the range.	The range is inspected monthly including the condition of the hard floor & the woodchip in the danger area. Any defects are recorded and fixed.  Pre-use checks of the range should be carried out, the	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors/ supervisors.

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			floor of the range should be swept or mopped where appropriate.	
Equipment failure.	Injury caused by equipment failing during use or not performing as it should due to existing faults.	Participants and instructors/ supervisors.	The tomahawk throwing range & equipment is inspected on a monthly basis, any defects or faulty/ damaged equipment is recorded and remedied or replaced. Pre-use checks of the equipment should be carried out and equipment should not be used and faults reported if found.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors/ supervisors.
Stray tomahawks.	Injury caused by being struck by an tomahawk in motion.	Anyone on site, general public in adjacent land.	Participants are supervised closely by an instructor and given verbal instruction where to aim and throw the tomahawks. High fencing is in place around the perimeter of the danger area of the range to reduce likelihood of tomahawks leaving the range. Minimum throwing distances are in place to reduce likelihood of tomahawks bouncing back off of targets. Participants in the waiting area are to be sat down away from the fence separating them from the danger area.	Butchers Coppice Operations Team, Activity instructors/ supervisors.
Protruding tomahawks.	Injury caused by walking, running or falling into a stationary tomahawk	Participants and instructors/	Participants are instructed to walk sensibly when moving towards targets to retrieve tomahawks.	Activity instructors/ supervisors.

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	protruding from a target or elsewhere.	supervisors.	Participants are instructed to collect tomahawks that are stuck into the targets before collecting any from the floor.	
Existing injury	Aggravating injuries through activity.	Participants	Participants are asked by their activity instructor at the beginning of their activity about any existing injuries and may need adjustments or non-involvement at the instructor's discretion.	Activity instructors/supervisors.
People with specific needs.	People with physical disabilities not being able to follow standard shooting practices. Younger participants needing closer supervision.	Anyone within the range.	Age limit for the activity is in place, younger than the limit may participate at the discretion of the instructor and under closer supervision. Instructors are able to provide reasonable adjustment for participants with physical disabilities as long as it does not undermine the safety of the participant, the instructor or anyone around them.	Activity instructors/supervisors.

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