

Risk assessment

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| Name of activity, event, and location | 1 st Roborough Scout group generic Air Rifle shooting risk assessment | Date of risk assessment | Updated 22 November 2025 | Name of person doing this risk assessment | Eric Drabble |
| | | Date of next review | 21 November 2026 | | |

| What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it? | Who is at risk? | How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? | Who will take action? | Risk rating |
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| <p>Hazard: Failure to listen to instructions</p> <p>Risk: injury to yourself and injury to others, death, from inappropriate use of air rifle</p> | Participants and instructors | <p>All participants, and adults helping to supervise this event, will be fully briefed on our safety instructions, and expected behaviour for this event. Clear instructions will be given to all participants at the start of the event, and pertinent instructions regarding safety in the firing range will be repeated before each detail is allowed to shoot.</p> <p>A single range safety officer will be nominated, and all instructions will emanate from this individual. The range safety officer will direct all, and that word is final. If there is any conflict, or anybody does not follow all safety rules as prescribed, the event will be immediately curtailed. The range safety officer will wear a fluorescent jacket so they can be easily identified.</p> <p>Event will be run according to the requirements of the NRA and Scout Association. All participants will provide a signed permission form from their parent to allow them to engage in the activity; no form, no shooting</p> | Instructors | Low |
| <p>Hazard: equipment failure</p> <p>Risk: injury to participants, or instructor</p> | Participants and instructors | All equipment should be visually inspected immediately before use. All equipment should be subject to regular inspection. Faulty or damaged equipment will be withdrawn, and replaced in due course. | Instructors | Low |
| <p>Hazard: improper handling and use of equipment</p> | Participants and instructors | All persons participating in the event should have adequate instruction and training in using equipment for its intended purposes. | Instructors | Low |

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| Risk: injury to participants or instructor, death | | This will be included in the briefing of each participant at the start of the event. | | |
| Hazard: shot by a pellet Risk: injury, death | Participants and instructors | Safety information will be stated in the initial briefing of all participants and adults, and this will be reinforced throughout this session. The safety command will be explained and reinforced throughout the session. Stop stop stop to be used to stop an event and control the situation | Instructors | Low |
| Hazard: hit by ricocheting pellet Risk: injury, death | Participants and instructors | Firing at fixed target in designated lane only. Firing only when permitted by range safety officer. | Instructors | Low |
| Hazard: poor behaviour by waiting detail Risk: injury, death | Participants and instructors | All waiting to participate to be adequately supervised. One group will be engaged in alternative activity before being granted access to the firing range. Those currently in firing area but waiting to participate, will be adequately supervised, and briefed on the safety protocol we will employ during this activity. No more than 4 participants will be engaged in shooting at any one time, and no more than 8 further participants will be seated behind active shooting party. If poor behaviour does occur, shooting will cease immediately on instruction from the range safety officer, and remain ceased till behaviour is resolved and improved. If it is not, the activity will cease. | Instructors | Low |
| Hazard: Non authorised entry, and exit, to and from the range Risk: injury, death | Participants and instructors | Range safety officer, clearly identifiable by wearing a fluorescent jacket or bib, to authorise all entry and exit during the event. The hall will be organised so that participants will be firing towards the end of the hall, in the opposite direction to the door allowing access to the hall. Range officer will place themselves in a position to monitor all participants and single door allowing access and exit simultaneously. | Instructors | Low |
| Hazard: pain through loud noise or ear irritation Risk: injury to ear or injury to hearing | Participants and instructors | Instructors and participants can wear ear defenders | instructors and participants | low |

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| Hazard: Non authorised entry into building during event by strangers Risk: injury, death | Participants and instructors | Main door to be kept locked during event | instructors | low |
| Hazard: Eye injury Risk: injury | Participants and instructors | Instructors and participants may wear eye protection | instructors and participants | low |
| Hazard: slips and trips Risk: injury | Participants and instructors | Group briefing on hazards, and how to ensure a safe operating area, no running within the building | instructors and participants | low |
| Hazard: gun shyness Risk: injury, embarrassment | participants | Instructors to identify shooters who may have shyness of the gun, and adopt one to one supervision of these individuals | instructors | low |
| Hazard: loading gun the wrong way Risk: injury, embarrassment | Participants and instructors | Brief all on the right way to insert a pellet into the air rifle and brief all on the appropriate way to load an air rifle. Have tool to retrieve pellet if it is inserted the wrong way into the air rifle barrel. | instructors and participants | low |

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