

Risk assessment – Tomahawk Throwing Range

Name of activity, event, and location	Tomahawk Throwing	Date of risk assessment	01/04/26	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Mark Gibson
		Date of next review	Before next use		

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?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Misuse of Equipment	All	Range always supervised by trained Activity Leaders. Instructions given to participants before the activity takes place. Tomahawks kept in a locked box when not in use	Nothing
Injuries from range equipment	All	Range always supervised by trained Activity Leaders. Participants to use the "Point and Throw" technique they are taught to always keep Hawks above waist height and to collect hawks from the target before the floor. Targets and stands checked regularly for stability. Sufficient backstop provided with a catchnet if possible. Perimeter fencing provided to minimum size as per T.S.A. Factsheet FS120011 "suggested Tomahawk Throwing Range Layout" with sufficient warning signage displayed. No open toed footwear allowed on the range.	Nothing
Horseplay	Participant	Range always supervised by trained Activity Leaders. Participants Leaders to ensure that their members comply with the range operating rules and follow instructions given concerning the activity, the range and waiting area etiquette.	Nothing
Unauthorised use	Participant	Range always supervised by trained Activity Leaders when open. Tomahaks to be kept in a locked box when not in use and stored in a locked facility.	Nothing
Equipment failure	All	All equipment to be checked before the activity is run by the Activity Leader. All equipment is serviced regulary and any faulty equipment removed from service until repaired and tested. Any nicks or burs on hawks to be removed when found.	Nothing
Moving around the range	All	Only Activity Leaders and throwing participants to be on throwing line. Spectators must remain in waiting area when until they are called to the throwing line. Everyone must walk when on the range and be mindful of where they step as ground may be uneven	Nothing
Slips, tips and falls	All	Range should be kept tidy all trip hazards reduced and highlighted to all. All throwing lines to be completely pegged down. All shoelaces to be always tied. Range to be fully lit as all times. No running on the range.	Nothing
First Aid needed	All	At least one Activity Leader present to have current First Aid training. A fully stocked and upto date First Aid Kit to be present on the range when activity is in progress. All First Aid incidents and treatment to be recorded as per T.S.A. rules.	Nothing