

Bramhope Scout Campsite Risk assessment – Soft Axe Throwing

Name of activity, event, and location	Use of Soft axes @ Bramhope Scout Campsite	Date of risk assessment	13/5/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Angie Foley John Smallwood
		Date of next review	1/5/2025		

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? Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review, <i>ensure comments are passed to Site Manager</i>
Range & Terrain	Any individual	Leader in Charge (LinC) of activity to be appointed by group using the equipment. LinC will have overall charge and responsibility for safety and discipline. Range danger areas/exclusion zones to be established and clearly marked out by LinC Spectators to be restricted to designated waiting/viewing area Throwing line and waiting line to be clearly visible, checked by LinC Range to be inspected for trip hazards before session begins.	
Disorderly Behaviour	All involved in activity	Adequate leader/young person ratios. Briefing from LinC prior to activity regarding behaviour standards Group Leaders to help maintain discipline. Lack of leader support will mean session may be terminated. Persistent indiscipline may result in the young person being excluded or the session being terminated.	
Equipment failure	All involved in activity	Targets to be checked for stability. If necessary, targets secured in place to prevent falling over. Pre-session checks to be carried out on all equipment.	
Supervision	All involved in activity	Leaders to control participants during the activity both those on and off the throwing line. LinC to stop activity immediately if the safety of the range, participants or any other site users/members of the public is compromised.	
Weather	All involved in activity	Session to be cancelled in the advent of adverse weather conditions or moved to indoor location if available. Judgement to be made by Duty Manager/LinC	
Members of the public	Any individuals approaching the range	Range danger areas/exclusion zones to be marked and monitored LinC & all leaders to be observant, monitoring those participants aiming obviously wide/high of targets Session to be stopped if people seen straying into exclusion area/onto the range.	
Clothing	All involved in activity	Long hair to be fastened back so as not to be caught in axes Loose clothing to be fastened/removed to prevent entanglement in equipment.	

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 as with all activities.