

Bramhope Scout Campsite and Activity Centre

Archery Risk Assessment

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	RISK LEVEL	CONTROL OF RISK	
Range & Terrain Risks associated with archery, e.g. Falling onto arrows while carrying them, Overdrawing a bow, Tripping on or being injured by stray/ deflected arrows.	Archers, instructors, participants, spectators, bystanders, members of the public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sessions to be run according to published best practice as set by the GNAS. • Range to be inspected for trip hazards before sessions begin. • Appropriate length arrows should be used. • Appropriate size bows should be used • Range danger areas/exclusion zones to be established and clearly marked out. • Spectators restricted to designated viewing areas. 	
Equipment Failure Targets blown or falling over, bows and arrows.	Participants, instructors.	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets to be checked for stability. If necessary to be secured in place to prevent falling over. • Pre-session checks must be carried out on all equipment. 	
Behaviour Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. Overcrowding and Disorderly behaviour.	Everyone involved with the session	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorized leaders to be in attendance throughout. • Maximum group size on firing point not to exceed number of targets • Safe waiting area to be set up to avoid overcrowding on the range. • Groups to be briefed on standards of expected behaviour 	
Supervision Incidents caused by a lack of supervision or inadequate supervision	Participant's instructors, members of the public.	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only qualified and authorized instructors to run sessions. • Instructors to control participants during activities both on and off the archery range. • Instructors to stop all archery activities immediately if the safety of the range, participants or any other site users/members of the public is compromised 	
Weather Sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions	All involved	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions to be cancelled in the event of adverse weather e.g. High winds, Cross winds, heavy rain, sleet, snow or reduced visibility. • Judgement to be made based on experience and opinion of instructor. Instructors' decision is final. 	
Members of the Public Injury to people outside the immediate range.	Individuals approaching / encroaching range areas	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range danger areas/exclusion zones to be monitored at all times. • Instructors to be watchful for participants aiming obviously high or wide of targets. • Sessions to be halted if people are seen straying into range or exclusion areas 	
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