

Tomahawk Axe Throwing Risk Assessment

Company name: **Wolverhampton Scouts trading as Patshull Activity Centre**

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Date assessment was carried out: **Tuesday 25th February 2020** and reviewed on **Wednesday 1st September 2021**

<u>Significant hazards</u>	<u>Who may be harmed?</u>	<u>Foreseeable outcomes</u>	<u>Existing controls</u>	<u>Risk rating?</u> <u>L/M/H</u>	<u>Further Controls required</u>	<u>Completion</u> <u>Date</u> <u>(If Req'd)</u>
Failure of Equipment	User	Equipment not suitable for use	Instructor to perform a check before an activity commences. Equipment stored in a safe and secure location	Low	PAC core team to be informed if equipment is not of standard All equipment to be inspected on a monthly basis.	On-going
Unsupervised Use	All	Incorrect use of equipment Risk Of Injury	Equipment removed and stored in the appropriate locked and secured storage area. Equipment to be returned once the activity has finished.	Medium	Activity instructors to be reminded of leaving the area secure when unattended. All Axe's to be locked away when not in use.	On-going
Participant lack of knowledge	All	Risk of Injury	Safety talk to be given by activity instructor before each session commences.	High	Activity Instructor to be ultimately responsible for the activity area.	On-going



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					Instructor to highlight safety and danger areas of the activity area	
Slips, Trips & Falls	All	Risk of Injury Slippery ground coverage	Activity Instructor to assess the area and make reasonable adjustments as appropriate for the activity	Low	Include a no running policy in and around the activity area Ask "Leader In Charge" to remain at the activity area for the whole session to be responsible for crowd control and behaviour.	On-going
Hit by an axe	All	Personal Injury	Instructor to always reinforce safety information. Instructor to always use clear commands Axe's only to be thrown from the firing line and at the say so of the instructor towards the target.	Medium	Clearly keep firing line always identified.	
Hit by an axe	Activity Participants	Personal Injury	Only one person to collect the axe from the target boss once all axes have been fired and the firing range is safe to enter.	Medium	Only the instructor to retract the axes from the firing range. Ask participants to return to the safety area when not practising.	



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Cut by Axe	All	Personal Injury	When picking up Axe, small shards maybe present around the blade of the axe. Can be sharp	Medium	Only pick up axe as shown by using the handle.	
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