

Tomahawk Risk Assessment – Patshull Activity Centre

To use this risk assessment:	
1) Read the Generic risk assessment, THEN	
2) Read the Element specific risk assessment for the activity	
 Systematic Controls – these are processes or management actions. They happen outside of the instructed session time.	
 What to say – these are instructions or information that the instructor leading the session has to give to the participants.	
 What to do – these are actions that the instructor leading the session has to take either before or during the session.	
 What to check – these are the key things the instructor leading the session must confirm – they can be either physical things or participant understanding.	

Severity Factor & Remaining Risk Assessment		
The following descriptors are used in each risk assessment. Note that a MEDIUM residual risk is used to show that a hazard requires dynamic risk assessment and deliberate management within the session by the instructor.		
Level	Severity Description	Residual Risk Description
Low	Minor injury requiring no treatment, or simple first aid.	Control measures have reduced the severity and/or likelihood to minimal levels.
Medium	Injury would require the participant to stop doing the activity; medical treatment is beyond the skills of a basic first aider.	Control measures have reduced severity and/or likelihood to an adequate level but hazard still requires dynamic risk assessment and conscious consideration.
High	Injury would require expert medical attention and/or be fatal.	Control measures haven't reduced severity or likelihood to an acceptable level.

Hazardous Event	Who may be harmed?	Foreseeable Severity	Control Measures in Place ( Systematic controls  What to say  What to do  What to check)				Residual Risk		
Inadequate training for activity	All	High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC Management to ensure all instructors have up to date and appropriate training and understand the risk assessment 				Low	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear, comprehensive safety briefing given by the instructor 					
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the briefing ensure all participants are focused on you as the instructor and listening to what you are saying 					
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all participants have attended the safety briefing and took an active part in listening and understanding 					
Failure of equipment	Participants	High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection, testing & maintenance of equipment 				Low	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check all equipment before each session Store equipment in a safe and secure location 					
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomahawks to be checked for damage before and after use Range to be checked for damage before and after use 					



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Unsupervised use	All	High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment to be stored securely when not in use Range to be locked when not in use 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store tomahawks in the safe on the range Range to be locked if instructor is not present 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range is locked Equipment is secured 							
Slips, trips and falls	All	Low		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection of the range and surrounding areas 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the briefing highlight any steps, ramps, ground conditions or weather that could increase the likelihood of a slip, trip or fall 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a no-run policy is in place around the range Ask the Leader in Charge of the participants to remain at the range and be responsible for crowd control and behaviour 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep an eye on anyone in the vicinity of the range 							
Hit by a tomahawk	All	Medium		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to reinforce the safety information 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure tomahawks are only thrown from the firing line and non-throwers are located in the safe zone. 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the throwers are always facing in the direction of the target when holding a tomahawk 							
Cut by a tomahawk	All	Medium		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to ensure that all participants understand how to handle the tomahawks 							
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch the participants to ensure they are following the instructions 							



