

Risk Assessment – Axe Throwing

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Required Instructor Competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land & Wave Induction • First Aid Certificate
Ratios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:12 • Ratios should be reduced to meet the needs of participants where appropriate - e.g. behavioural issues.

Identified Hazards	Who is at risk?	Example Causes	Control Measures
<p>Personal Injury</p> <p>E.g. Trips and slips, cuts, bruises</p>	Instructors & All Participants/Group Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor supervision • Poor safety brief • Inability of participants to behave in a safe manner. • Running to collect axes. • No safety zone set. • Poor instruction and demonstrations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing to be worn / carried. • Throwing line to be established. • Staff to control when axes are picked up and thrown etc. • Axes only to be thrown towards targets. • Everybody collects axes only when instructor indicates it's safe too. • Designate a safe zone away from the range for waiting. • No running at the range. • Instructor to demonstrate correct technique for throwing and collecting axes and monitor. • Instructor to provide health and safety briefing to prevent injuries. • Instructor to carry first aid kit.
<p>Difficulty controlling body temperature</p> <p>(Hyperthermia/Hypothermia)</p>	Instructors & All Participants/Group Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold, wet windy days. • Hot, sunny days • Inappropriate clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing to be worn / carried. • Appropriate amounts / type of food and drink should be carried dependent on weather conditions, terrain etc. • Appropriate group safety equipment to be carried

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			– e.g. shelter, warmth etc.
Injury to others	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unacceptable range set up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to consider surroundings carefully before erecting range. • Minimum area required behind / side of the targets • Warning signs could be used if taking place in a place where lots of public are around.

N.B. This Risk Assessment in no way negates the need for continual dynamic risk assessment