

Risk Assessment – TOMAHAWK/ANGEL THROWING



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Purpose: The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify the common significant risks to which Rhydd Covert SAS Team (voluntary) and visitors are exposed and to identify appropriate control measures.

Scope: The risk assessment is to be used in association with the activities that are carried out at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp

Related Documents:
Generic Risk Assessments
 RCSC/Act030 - Supervision of Children/Young Persons on Site

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 Rule 9 – Activities
 Rule 7.2 - Emergency Procedures
 Rule 7.4 – Accident Reporting

Fact sheets
 FS120075 - InTouch
 FS120000 – Activities - Risk Assessment - Jan 01
 FS120011 – Tomahawk Throwing factsheet
 FS120088 – Weather Forecasts in Outdoor Activities

Other

Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)					
	Suitable Footwear				

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It is the duty of all members to observe the following Risk Assessment to provide a code of good practice and conduct with the object of preventing accidents. At all times members must work in a safe manner both to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others.

Important Note: It is the duty of all members under Regulation 14 of the "Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999" to inform the 'employer', i.e., Deputy Camp Wardens, Camp Warden of any circumstances that may indicate any shortcomings in this assessment

Minimum Leader Competence	Bush Scout Trained	Participants	Young Persons must be capable of doing this activity before partaking.
Tomahawks	12 people, 1.5 Hours	Minimum Age of Participants	10.5 years to adult
Angels	12 people, 1.5 Hours	Minimum Age of Participants	6 years to adult

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GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT



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Task Element	Hazard and harmful effect	Likelihood Info	Initial risk level			Control measures to reduce likelihood	Controlled risk level		
			SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL		SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL
Maintenance & security of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malfunction of equipment causing injury. 	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment to be kept in secure storage. Tomahawks\Angels to be inspected and maintained by competent person on regular basis and prior to use. Any faulty, broken or worn equipment to be reported to the Duty Warden. 	4	2	8
Transporting Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slip/trips/falls Cuts/bruises etc Broken bones Collision with other people/object Manual handling 		3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons transporting Tomahawks or angels between secure store and the Tomahawk\Angel range must be the trained person Tomahawks\Angels must not be transported through crowds of people. Do not attempt to carry more than is comfortable. 	3	2	6
Leaving equipment unattended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft Injury 		4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomahawks\Angels to be locked away securely whilst not in use. Participants must never be left alone with Tomahawks. 	4	2	8

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Use of Tomahawks/Angels for targets on range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury from Tomahawk/Angel Injury due to misuse or failure of equipment Death Penetrating wounds Cuts, scratches, abrasions Trips, slips, falls Hygiene Issues Accident/Near Miss Weather Conditions deteriorate Any of the rules/Instructions broken whether by children/young person, adult or leader. 	<p>Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.</p>	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorised instructors only to supervise activity. Instructors not known to Rhydd Covert Camp Warden or deputies, must provide valid certificates prior to activity. Activity must be pre-booked in accordance with site booking procedure. No more than 12 persons per session allowed in Tomahawk/Angel range at any time. A maximum of 2 persons to throwing at once. Full instruction on use of Tomahawks to be given before using. Tomahawks/Angels must NEVER be aimed at others, at any time. If anyone does this throwing will stop and they will be requested to leave the range immediately and then the activity may recommence. Instructor to stop activity immediately should any of the following occur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group is too large or unruly to supervise No adult supervision is provided by the group Instructor's instructions must be adhered to at all times. Participants must be reminded to wash hands after taking part in the activity. The instructor feels that the activity is not suitable for the age/abilities of the participants. 	4	2	8

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