

Risk assessment - Archery (onsite)

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Overview of activity	ARCHERY (onsite) Supporting documentation to be used in line with the current SOP.				
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	What are you already doing to control the risk?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
Defective equipment	Staff Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn equipment reported and immediately taken out of use until repaired. • Instructor to carry out pre session check of equipment prior to use by participants 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Being injured by an arrow	Staff Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shooting area is clearly laid out • Appropriate netting and distances are used to ensure the shooting area is safe for all participants • Clear briefing to participants about how to retrieve arrows • Only use full length arrows • Ensure that bows are not over drawn. • Following the Standard Operating Procedure • Clear briefing by instructor for participants • Constant vigilance by instructor 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Not following key safety rules	Staff Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors must have read the SOP for this activity • Instructors must have the ability to keep the group engaged to ensure that participants follow the safety rules. • If the instructor feels that the group are no longer engaged they must stop and change the activity. 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session
Injuries caused by bow string.	Staff Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct body position to minimize the chance of the string striking the body • All participants to be issued with and wear arm guards. 	n/a	Staff	At the start of each session

