

## Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Soft Tomahawks	Date of risk assessment	25/4/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Melanie Collett
		Date of next review	25/4/2025		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<b>A hazard</b> Stray Hawks <b>The risk</b> Bruising, eye injury	Young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Hawks always pointed down range towards targets. Correct stance and technique shown and enforced. Range built to stop non-participants straying onto range. Range constructed to contain hawks. Spectators to remain a safe distance behind participants.	Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> the activity.
<b>A hazard</b> Overthrown hawk <b>The risk</b> Bruising, eye injury	Young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Set up range with backstop material to contain hawks.	
<b>A hazard</b> Hawk collection <b>The risk</b> Bruising, eye injury	<b>Participants</b>	No one to throwing line until all hawks have been thrown. No running on the range at any time Targets to be approached from the side. Hawks to be collected from target first then the floor. Hawks to be removed from target from the side making sure no one is in front of target.	
<b>A hazard</b> Incorrect technique <b>The risk</b> Sprains, strains, bruising	<b>Participants</b>	Clear instructions to be given before use. Instructors to monitor use throughout. Incorrect technique to be corrected by instructors All thrower to remain behind safety line until told to collect.	
<b>A hazard</b> Equipment Failure <b>The risk</b> Injured by equipment	Young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Equipment checked at regular intervals and recorded by Range Officer. All equipment is serviced regularly. Equipment checked prior to every use. All faulty equipment removed from service until repaired and tested	
<b>A hazard</b> Unauthorised use <b>The risk</b> Injured by equipment.	Young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Equipment is kept in a locked store when not in use. Equipment to be returned to the locked store at the end of each session. Equipment is never to be left unattended.	
<b>A hazard</b> Slips, trips, falls <b>The risk</b> Injured by equipment.	Young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Range should be kept tidy & free from trip hazards. Any spilt liquids or food to be cleaned up immediately. All shoelaces to be always tied. Range to be fully lit as all times. No running on the range.	

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for leaders and at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)

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