



Risk Assessment: Archery

Event/Activity (brief description): Northern Heights Site Archery					Date: 16/03/2026	
Benefits and purpose of the Event						
<p>Girls Enable participants to experience a new and adventurous activity, overcoming potential fears.</p> <p>Adults Enable participants to experience a new and adventurous activity, overcoming potential fears.</p>						
Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
Injury from hair tangled in bow string.	Participants	All participants to have hair tied back before attending session	L	L	Leaders and instructor to check before sessions	Qualified Instructor and Unit/ Team leader
Injury from loose clothing or jewellery tangled in bow string,	Participants	All participants to remove loose clothing or zip up and remove jewellery before attending session	L	L	Leaders and instructor to check before sessions -	Qualified Instructor and Unit/ Team leader

Injury to foot	Participants	All participants to wear closed toed shoes or boots.	L	L	Leaders and instructor to check before sessions	Qualified Instructor and Unit/ Team leader
Injury to participant not strong enough to operate bow and arrow safely	Participants	Initial and ongoing assessment of individuals capabilities. Appropriate equipment for the age range to be available. Adapted equipment for participants with specific disabilities may be appropriate.	M	M	instructor to check before sessions and monitor throughout	Qualified Instructor and Unit/ Team leader
Risk of damage through aggravation of old/reoccurring injury	Participants & Instructor	Initial checks of participants, check old injuries and monitor during shooting	M	M	Instructor to monitor	Qualified Instructor and Unit/ Team leader
Risk of being injured by overshooting arrows (via footpath behind range)	Members of the public and other site users	Instructor to confirm the gate behind the shooting range is locked prior to the session starting	M	M	Instructor to monitor	Qualified Instructor
Injury due to poorly maintained / damaged equipment	Participants & Instructor	Check all equipment prior to commencement if the session	L	M	Instructor to check	Qualified Instructor

Injury from equipment which is the wrong size for the individual	Participants & Instructor	Bow and arrow sized to each individual at start of session	L	L	Instructor to check	Qualified Instructor
Injuries from falling bosses	Participants & Instructor	Security of bosses/targets to be checked at the start of the session.	L	M	Instructor to check	Qualified Instructor
Injury when removing arrows from target	Participants & Instructor	Correct technique for arrow retrieval to be demonstrated and monitored	M	M	Instructor to continually monitor	Qualified Instructor
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