

Tomahawk Throwing

Name of Section or Activity (and version number)	Waddecar Scout Activity Centre Tomahawk Throwing V2022-01	Date of risk assessment	17 th January 2022	Review Date	January 2023	Name and Role of who undertook this risk assessment	Damian King Centre Manager Bushscout Tomahawk Instructor
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. <i>For example - you might use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way the activity is carried out.</i>
Impact from tomahawk	All	Range complies with safety specifications. Leader in charge must hold KAATA, Bushscout Instructor Qualification or Waddecar Internal Training. Appropriately qualified leader to assume the role of Range Safety Officer and is responsible for all aspects of safety. The activity is to be halted immediately if any person or animal strays into the vicinity of the range. Participants to throw from behind the designated throwing line. Spectators must remain seated in the waiting area or outside the range perimeter. Any suspected dangerous behaviour to be controlled immediately.
Misuse of equipment	All	Tomahawks to be kept at the throwing line at all times. Participants instructed that they can only use equipment under direct supervision. Tomahawks are counted at the start and the end of the session to ensure all are accounted for. Instructor talks through and demonstrates the correct way to throw a tomahawk
Collecting tomahawks	Participants	Instructions on safe collection of tomahawks. Participants observed closely by Range Officer.
Equipment Failure – Injured by equipment	All	Equipment checked at regular intervals and recorded by a competent person. Equipment checked prior to every use. All damage reported to Waddecar Centre Management.
Tomahawks bouncing back	All	Range constructed of materials designed to minimise risk of bounce backs. Range Officer to ensure correct aiming techniques are used.
Unauthorised use – Injured by equipment	All	Equipment is kept in a locked store when not in use. Equipment to be returned to the Activity Store at the end of each session. Equipment never to be left unattended.

Completed by	Name, Damian King Role / level: Waddecar Centre Manager Date; 17 th January 2022	Checked by Line Manager	Name, Role / level Date
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