

Risk Assessment: Archery

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L = LOW M = MEDIUM H = HIGH

Hazards	Effects	Who might be effected	Risk		Methods to Avoid/Reduce Risk
			Likelihood	Consequence	
Archery					
Accidental shooting incident	Death, penetrating wound	Group	L	H	Clear safety brief to be given by instructor Minimum qualification for lead and assistant instructors (see minimum qualification sheet) Warning signs positioned at designated points Instructor to maintain a clear line of sight Night line should not be used during an archery session
Incorrect stance or use of bow	Bruising, pulled muscles	Individual	H	L	Demonstration to be given by instructor Instructor to maintain clear line of sight Use arm protectors Select correct bow for participants
Retrieving arrows	Eye/face injury, penetrating wound Ankle injury, tripping	Individual	L	H	Clear safety brief to be given by instructor Retrieve ground arrows as you walk to the target Group to walk down the edges of the Boss' to prevent walking into arrows in the ground. Instructor to maintain clear line of sight Arrows to be held correctly while returning to shooting line with no running.
Equipment failure	Cuts, grazes, splinters	All	L	H	Pre-use equipment checks carried out Equipment fitting supervised and checked by instructors Unserviceable equipment dealt with accordingly
Uncontrolled use of equipment	Death, serious injury to user and others	All	L	H	Keep bows and arrows stored away before and after sessions
Weather – wind and rain	Increased chance of slipping on wet grass	All	H	L	Ensure safety demonstrations and briefing can be heard Instructor to enforce participants are WALKING to collect arrows Instructor to cancel the session if conditions become serious or unsafe
Insect bites	Stings, allergic reactions, anaphylactic shock	Individual	L	H/M/L	Have any medication required available