



Bows n Arrows – Risk Assessment

The document shows the risk assessment ratings for each identified hazard. The score for the likelihood of its happening is multiplied by the score of the severity of the injury.

(For example, likelihood 2 multiplied by Severity 5 = 10 medium).

This Risk assessment identifies the risk control methods that have been put into place to reduce either the Severity or Likelihood of an accident.

Hazard	Who	Existing Risk Value	Action to prevent	New Risk Value
Slips, Trips & Falls	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. No running across the range. Keeping a clear and tidy range. (clear path from objects.) Being made aware of surroundings including rabbit holes or mole hills. Range layout suitable for use.	1*5=5 Low
Failure of equipment	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	A bi-weekly inspection is done by qualified/trained staff. Before use inspection done by staff.	1*5=5 Low
Failure of structure	Participants Instructors Leaders Spectators (outside range)	5*5=25 High	Net poles concreted in ground. Arborists report on trees.	1*5=5 Low
Entanglement	Participants	5*2=10 Med	Ensure all Long hair is tied up/back as appropriate. Non-loose clothing to be worn. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding.	2*2=4 Low
Deflection	Participants Instructors Leaders Spectators	5*2=10 Med	Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. 1-2 person to be at the shooting line at a time, keeping area clear as possible.	2*2=4 Low
Behavioural Problems	Participants Instructor Leaders	5*5=25 High	Clear Briefing/Instruction, full understanding. Ratio's 12:1 Maximum. Site behavioural policy.	2*5=10 Med
Wildlife	Participants Instructors Leaders	5*5=25 High	Range checked before use. Allergies (controlled by group leader)	1*5=5 Low
Weather	Participants Leaders Instructors	5*5=25 High	Activity not to be used in lightning weather. Activity not to be used in strong winds. No running across the range. Clear Briefing/Instructions, full understanding. Appropriate lighting when required.	1*5=5 Low
Covid-19 Instructor Contact (Positive)	Participants Leaders Instructors	5*5=25 High	1m distance when instructing Where not possible, face masks to be worn	2*5=10 Med
Covid-19 General Contact/Arrival			Removed	

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This risk assessment is written in accordance with the operating process and procedures.

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Disclaimer: only bows and arrows that are supplied are allowed to be used on this activity.

Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of Harm
0 = Never	0 = No Harm
1 = Unlikely	1 = Bumps & Bruises
2 = Possible	2 = Small Cuts & Lacerations
3 = A chance	3 = Broken/Fracture of Bones
4 = Likely	4 = Loss of limb
5 = Certain	5 = Fatality

		Severity				
		*	1	2	3	4
Likelihood	1	1	2	3	4	5
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	5	5	10	15	20	25

Levels of Acceptance	
1-6 Low	= Acceptable
7-10 Medium	= Monitor
11-12 medium	= Re-evaluate
13-25 High	= Not acceptable