

Activity Risk Assessment: - Axe Throwing

The Queens Archers recognises that using a suitably trained / qualified instructor will vastly reduce the inherent risks of the activity. Therefore all Activities will be led by suitably trained / qualified instructors.

No	Hazard	Who it effects	Unmanaged risks	Control Measures	Managed Risk
1	Slips trips and falls.	Everyone	Medium	Relate to the group that only walking is permitted in the Axe Throwing Area. Instructor to clear any trip hazards from range when setting up activity area.	Low
2	Cuts from axes	Everyone	Medium	Brief the group on the dangers of the axe: where to hold it and not to touch the blade.	Low
3	Accidental release behind thrower	Everyone	Medium	Position group on waiting benches. Instructor to stand to one side.	Low
4	Being hit by an axe	Everyone	Medium	Position group on waiting benches. Instructor to stand to one side. Instructor to manage group and give safety brief. Students only to approach the Throwing Line by going behind the tree.	Low
5	Cuts or injury from dropping the axe	Students	Medium	Students to wear appropriate clothing and closed-toe footwear.	Low
6	Hitting ones-self while throwing or retrieving axe.	Students	High	Safety brief and demonstration. Careful group management and vigilance.	Low

7	Shoulder/elbow strain	Everyone	Medium	Advise the group to warm up if necessary. Practice with a wellie first if necessary.	Low
8	Group misbehaving or playing with spare axes.	Everyone	High	Good group management. Sheath un-used axes and keep out of the way. Stop session if it is felt that anyone's safety is at risk.	Low
9	Over-throwing	Everyone	Low	Targets placed sensibly. Back-stop wall in place.	Low
10	Bounce back	Everyone	Medium	Demonstrate correct technique. Make sure group stays back by waiting area	Low
11	Other users straying into area	Everyone	Medium	Fence kept in good order. Signage. Instructor to remain vigilant.	low