

Risk Assessment – Soft Tomahawk Equipment



Workplace Location: Warren Oak Campsite, Hollow Ln, Ledbury HR8 1NQ		
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Task Description: Soft Tomahawk Throwing is a controlled target-based activity using lightweight, foam-headed tomahawks designed for safe introductory throwing practice. The activity focuses on developing coordination, focus, and basic throwing technique in a supervised environment. It is suitable for children and beginners due to the soft, impact-reducing design of the equipment.		

Number	Hazard Identification and Risk Identification	Who May be Harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
1	Being struck by a thrown tomahawk (mis-throw or bounce-back)	All	Use only soft foam-headed tomahawks; enforce throwing line; one-direction throwing only; always supervise; ensure safe spacing between throwers	Low
2	Individuals entering the target area while others are throwing	All	Clear safety briefing; no one enters the range until instructor gives "collect" signal; all tomahawks placed down before retrieval	Low
3	Improper use of equipment (swinging, hitting others, horseplay)	All	Strict behavior rules; remove participant if unsafe; constant supervision; demonstrate correct handling	Low
4	Slips, trips, and falls around the throwing area	All	Keep area clear of obstacles; mark throwing line and safe zones; ensure ground is even; manage group movement	Low
5	Overcrowding at the throwing line	All	Limit number of active throwers; use cones or markers to space individuals; maintain instructor control	Low
6	Equipment failure (damaged tomahawk or target)	All	Inspect equipment before use; remove damaged items immediately; store equipment safely	Low
7	Environmental hazards (wind,	All	Choose suitable location; adjust throwing distance; stop activity if conditions become unsafe	Low

	uneven ground, distractions) – if outdoors			
8	Minor impact injuries from retrieving tomahawks	All	Supervised retrieval; spacing maintained; ensure all throwing has stopped before collection	Low

Emergency Procedures	Monitoring and Review
<p>First Aid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kits readily available. • Provide first aid and call emergency services if necessary. • Report all accidents via the QR Code, and to the Site Team or via the emergency contact number. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Inspections: Visual checks before and after use. • Annual Review: Comprehensive review of the risk assessment and control measures. • Incident Reporting: Immediate review following any incident or near-miss. • Feedback: Gather feedback from campers and staff to identify areas for improvement.

Notice: Risk assessments are to be used in conjunction with your own risk assessments to enjoy a safe stay at Warren Oak Campsite.

Let's keep our campsite safe for everyone! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact campsite volunteer site team.