



Torbay District Scout Campsite

Easterfield Lane, Torquay, TQ1 4SW

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Risk Assessment

Activity: Outdoor Shooting

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Role: Trustee

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Location: Torbay District Scout Campsite

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Role: District Lead Volunteer

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This risk assessment is to be used to support visiting groups prepare their own risk assessments. Responsibility for ensuring a suitable, current, and activity-specific risk assessment rests with the organising group and activity leaders.

Hazard and Risk	Who might be harmed	Control Measures Already in Place	Additional Actions	Residual Risk Rating	Amendments at Review
Non-competent person running activity	All participants	- Activity run in accordance with NSRA permit. - All required participant paperwork completed prior to activity. - A designated Range Officer is appointed.	Leader to ensure their qualifications up to date.	Low	
Slips, trips or falls from uneven ground	All participants	Periodic inspections and maintenance.	- Range Officer to assess the site prior to session. - Full safety briefing prior to activity. - Ongoing vigilance during session.	Low	

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			Participants advised to be aware of ground conditions prior to activity.		
Accidental discharge of weapon causing injury	All participants	-	- Clear safety briefing prior to activity. - Continuous supervision by Range Officer during session. - Shooters instructed to keep fingers outside trigger guard until ready to shoot. - Rifles loaded only when shooter in position. - No movement with a loaded weapon.	Med	
Lead poisoning from pellets	All participants	Handwashing facilities with soap available at nearby water point.	Participants to wash hands after session.	Low	
Impact from pellet or ricochet	All participants	- Pellet catchers used. - Backstop in place. - Range tested for ricochet prior to use.	- Eye protection provided and worn. - Clear safety briefing. - Strict supervision of participants at all times. - Waiting detail to always remain standing away from shooting detail at wating & observation area.	Med	
Entrapment or injury from equipment (breech mechanism)	All participants	-	- Clear safety instructions given. - Participants instructed to keep fingers away from mechanism. - Long hair tied back. - Loading assisted by responsible adult where required.	Low	
Injury due to misbehaviour	All participants	-	- Session size controlled to two details of four per session. - Participant ability assessed. - Target handling supervised.	Med	

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			- Clear behavioural expectations set. - Misconduct results in removal from activity.		
Unsafe movement in shooting area	All participants	Designated waiting and observation areas established.	- Access to range controlled. - Movement only permitted when safe and instructed by Range Officer.	Med	
Poor visibility due to weather conditions	All participants	-	Range Officer to monitor weather continuously and stop activity if required.	Low	
Poor visibility due to low light	All participants	-	- Sessions scheduled to avoid low light. - Range Officer to manage session timing.	Low	
Severe injury	All participants	-	- Full safety briefing prior to activity. - Mobile phone to be available. - Emergency procedures followed as per Purple Card. - Additional adult required to assist in case of severe injury.	Low	
Injury from loose clothing, hair or piercings	All participants	-	- Loose clothing secured. - Piercings removed or covered. - Long hair tied back. - Participant suitability checked.	Low	
Injury to non-participants entering range	Non-participants	- Warning signage in place. - Controlled access points established.	- Range Officer to monitor perimeter continuously. - Immediate action taken if public approach range.	Med	
Minor injuries (cuts, abrasions)	All participants	-	- First aid provision to be available. - Full safety briefing prior to activity. - Qualified first aider present.	Low	

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Existing medication may impede ability to participate	All participants	-	Range Officer to be aware of medications taken by participants that may impede the activity.	Low	

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