



Torbay District Scout Campsite

Easterfield Lane, Torquay, TQ1 4SW

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Risk Assessment

Activity: Tomahawk Throwing	Prepared by: Andy Spalding	Role: Camp Warden and Trustee	Date: 1/6/2026
Location: Torbay District Scout Campsite	Reviewed by: Nicki Spalding	Role: District Lead Volunteer	Date: 02/6/2026
			Review due by: 1/6/2027

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
Slips, trips or falls from wet grass or uneven ground.	All participants	Periodic inspection and maintenance.	- Participants advised to be aware of ground conditions and not to run. - Activity Leader to assess site before session. - Full safety briefing prior to activity. - Ongoing vigilance during session.	Low	
General unsafe behaviour causing injury	All participants	Supervised by competent instructor.	- Activity rules established and communicated. - Full safety briefing prior to activity. - Activity stopped if behaviour becomes unsafe.	Med	

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Misuse of equipment through inappropriate throwing or incorrect throwing	All participants	- Only purpose-built tomahawks used. - Equipment controlled by Activity Leader.	- Clear instruction on correct handling and throwing technique. - Activity supervised by experienced instructors. - No other knives/blades permitted.	Med	
Unauthorised or unsupervised access to equipment	All participants	Equipment secured between sessions.	- Activity Leader present at all times during use. - Storage shed locked shut when equipment is not in use - No sharing of the lock code	Med	
Poor visibility (low light) leading to injury from poor throws	All participants	-	- Sessions planned to avoid low light. - Activity Leader to monitor conditions.	Low	
Adverse weather conditions causing wet grip, slips, sun stroke, dehydration etc.	All participants	-	- Continuous monitoring of weather conditions. - Activity stopped if safety compromised.	Low	
Unsafe throwing area layout leading to injury	All participants	- Minimum throwing area of 3 – 6m. 3m high backstop directly behind targets - Barriers in place.	- Range condition checked before use. - Throwing lane kept clear and controlled. - Observers / waiting participants to stand at the side in a safe location.	Med	
Injury to participants from throwing activity	All participants	-	- One thrower per target. - One tomahawk to be thrown at each target. - Controlled throwing sequence. - Throwing only permitted on instruction. - Strict lane discipline enforced.	Med	
Injury from rebound or glancing tomahawk	All participants	Suitable targets and throwing distances used.	Participants positioned clear of rebound zones.	Med	

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			Range Officer to monitor target condition.		
Injury while retrieving tomahawks	All participants	-	- Only retrieve axes when instructed. - Remove embedded axes before collecting loose ones. - Supervision maintained.	Med	
Injury to observers / waiting participants	All participants	Waiting area positioned safely to the side.	- Participants instructed where to stand. - Waiting group supervised at all times.	Low	
Injury from entering active throwing area	All participants	Barriers and signage in place.	- Range access controlled. - No access to range until declared safe. - Activity Leader controls all movement.	Med	
Manual handling	All participants	Warm-up encouraged.	Participants supervised when handling equipment.	Low	
Severe injury requiring emergency response	All participants	-	- Activity stopped immediately. - First aid administered. - Emergency procedures followed as per Purple Card. - Additional supervision deployed.	Med	
Minor injuries (cuts, abrasions)	All participants	-	- First aid provision to be available. - Full safety briefing prior to activity. - Qualified first aider present.	Low	
Existing medication may impeded 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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