



## Risk Assessment – AXE THROWING

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<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify the common significant risks to which Kibblestone staff (permanent and voluntary) and visitors are exposed and to identify appropriate control measures.
<b>Scope:</b>	The risk assessment is to be used in association with the activities that are carried out at Kibblestone International Scout Camp
<b>Related Documents:</b>	<p><b>Generic Risk Assessments</b></p> <p>KISC/act.017 Supervision of Children/Young Persons on Site</p> <p><b>POR</b></p> <p>Rule 9.1 - Activity Rules - Application          Rule 9.2 - Preparation          Rule 9.3 - In Touch          Rule 9.4 - Risk Assessment          Rule 9.5 - Emergency Procedure          Rule 9.6 – Large Scale Events          Rule 9.38 – Axe Throwing</p> <p><b>Fact sheets</b></p> <p>FS 120000 – Activities - Risk Assessment          FS 120007- Joint Adventurous Activities          FS 120011 – Axe Throwing          FS 120075 - In Touch          FS 120081 – Activity Info Form</p>
<b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</b>	 <p>Suitable Footwear</p>  <p>Suitable Clothing/</p>

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It is the duty of all employees (permanent or voluntary) to observe the following Risk Assessment to provide a code of good practice and conduct with the object of preventing accidents. At all times employees must work in a safe manner both to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others.

**Important Note:** It is the duty of all employees under Regulation 14 of the “Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999” to inform the ‘employer’, i.e. Estates Manager, Operations Manager or their deputies of any circumstances that may indicate any shortcomings in this assessment

Minimum Leader Competence	In-house assessed	Minimum Assistant Competence	In-house assessed
Maximum group size	12 per hour	Minimum Age of Participants	8+ years

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# GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

## AXE THROWING



Task Element	Hazard and harmful effect	Likelihood Info	Initial risk level			Control measures to reduce likelihood	Controlled risk level		
			SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL		SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL
Impact injuries from thrown items	Illness or injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite	4	5	20H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the correct equipment provided.</li> <li>• No person should stand behind the thrower this will eliminate any possible impact from the axe accidentally been released backwards.</li> <li>• Correct material and placement of the target will also reduce the risk of bounce back</li> <li>• Use of roped areas to place watchers, waiting participants and throwers creating a safe activity area.</li> <li>• Safety briefing by trained persons only.</li> <li>• No throwing to take place without supervision of an instructor.</li> <li>• Viewing area should be behind the throwing line and to be 7 metres away.</li> <li>• Training for the participants will be given using plastic axes to get used to the throwing technique the instructor will then decide if the participant can use the correct sharp axe.</li> </ul>	4	2	8L

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Slips, Trips and Falls	Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite	4	4	16M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety briefing, policing and enforcing of no running in activity area.</li> <li>Ensure that the area is free from Slip and trip, ground hazards including any personal effects of the participants. Bags to be sorted in waiting area only.</li> </ul>	4	2	8L
Injury from dropped items	Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	4	4	16M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors to make sure that all participants are wearing closed footwear – no sandals, crocs or open toed shoes. A no bare feet policy to be imposed in the activity area.</li> </ul>	4	2	8L
Medical emergencies	Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	3	3	9M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors to check where possible if any participants have any health issues that may be affecting throwing activity.</li> <li>Instructors to know where first aid kit is and trained to use it it should be kept in activity area during the running of the activity.</li> </ul>	3	2	6L

Cuts	Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	3	4	12M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety briefing by Instructor to ensure participants are aware that the axes/tomahawks are or could be sharp and not to touch the cutting edge under any circumstances</li> <li>• Remove the thrown items from the target carefully under instruction by the Instructor.</li> <li>• Remove by using non-throwing hand flat on the target, away from the blade. Wiggle thrown item up and down to remove from target.</li> <li>• Regular inspection of the thrown items should be undertaken, especially if a clash could cause a burr.</li> <li>• Correct storage on the range should be maintained (fit covers or store in pouches etc.)</li> </ul>	3	2	6L
Participant Behaviour	Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	2	3	9M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety briefing by Instructors to behave.</li> <li>• If an individual or group as a whole is not conducive to running a safe session then the activity session will be stopped or persons removed from the area.</li> <li>• No persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed near this activity.</li> </ul>	2	2	4L
Weather conditions	Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	3	3	9M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any change in circumstances that may affect the safe running of the activity arises the session will be stopped until a time as it is deemed safe to continue.</li> <li>• Monitoring of conditions to be done by instructor</li> </ul>	3	2	6L

Instructor Experience	Illness or Injury	Young persons and adults. Including members of the Scout or Guide Movement, schools, companies and other groups who may be allowed to use the campsite.	3	2	6L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructors are trained, reviewed and monitored to maintain competency, capability and safe working.</li> </ul>	2	2	4L
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