

Tomahawk Throwing

Location

This activity takes place on a purpose-built range that provides a safe enclosed area. Heightened Safety backstop is behind the target faces.

Location of targets and layout of the range is organised as appropriate to provide a safe environment.

Equipment

Tomahawks (max of 6) are provided for the thrower.

Hazard	Hazard Effect	Risk Control Measures
Injury from tomahawks: Throwing at people.	Penetration wounds / cuts Minor to major.	Clear instructions and good group control from the instructor. Awareness of the potential for harm. Establishment of throwing and waiting lines. Procedures established and followed.
Injury from tomahawks: walking into axes during collection.	Penetration wounds / cuts Minor to major.	Clear instruction on collection procedure. Instructor supervision. Running prohibited.
Equipment failure.	Metal splinters and cuts from tomahawk handle. Tomahawk blade shattering.	Equipment visually checked at each use. Damaged equipment repaired as required or destroyed.
Poor instruction & leadership.	Muscle strains. Uncontrolled behaviour Indiscriminate Throwing.	Minimum qualification requirement for instructors. Continuous observations by Centre management and feedback from user groups.
Equipment misuse.	Throwing a tomahawk in an improper way. Playing with tomahawks.	Equipment never left unattended. Tomahawks removed from area if activity is suspended for short periods of time. Equipment locked away when not in use.
Throwing using wrong technique.	Causes tomahawk to bounce back towards participants.	Instructors to ensure that the participants have been taught how to throw correctly and are continuously monitored.