

# 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

Axes (max of 8) are provided for the thrower.

### COVID-19 Compliance amendments:

Maintaining Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor will space out targets and axes on the shooting line and shoot with smaller numbers.</li> <li>Group leaders are responsible for ensuring social distancing measures are observed whilst members of the group are waiting to shoot.</li> </ul>
Use of equipment – potential to pass on Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Users will only ever collect their own tomahawk.</li> <li>If due to group numbers sharing of resources is required then participants will use hand gel prior to throwing.</li> </ul>
Equipment cleaning – reducing the potential to pass on Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Equipment will be wiped down using soap and water and/or antiviral spray post session.</li> <li>If possible equipment will be quarantined for 72 hours post the session prior to being used again.</li> </ul>

Hazard	Hazard Effect	Risk Control Measures
Injury from axes: 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 axes: 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 axe handle. Axe 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 an axe in an improper way. Playing with axes.	Equipment never left unattended. Axes removed from area if activity is suspended for short periods of time. Equipment locked away when not in use.
Throwing using wrong technique.	Causes axe to bounce back towards participants.	Instructors to ensure that the participants have been taught how to throw correctly and are continuously monitored.