



Soft Archery Risk Assessment – Hertfordshire Guide Centre

Description: Soft archery, where arrows are fitted with suction cups, is a great way to introduce archery to younger members. For soft archery there is no requirement for a qualified instructor. To do soft archery with girls, you'll need a soft archery kit. It's an ideal way to introduce Rainbows to archery before they can use pointed arrows as Brownies.

Intended outcomes: Enjoyment, community, performing, and fun.

Leaders are responsible for reviewing and amending the risk assessment with considerations for their unit. It is recommended that this be completed during a site visit and subsequently shared with the leadership Team.

Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
			After control measures			
Overshot arrows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruising/eye injury 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs and barrier to be used as appropriate. Maintain a clear overshoot area. Set up against a fence or hedge. 	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children to be supervised throughout the activity 	Leaders in charge
Collection of arrows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruising/eye injury 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No running in the area. Ensure everyone has finished shooting before collection. Children collect the arrows upon instruction. Adults to model how to collect the arrows. 	L	L		Leaders in charge
Bow string. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abrasion, bruising to arm, facial injury 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arm guards or long sleeves to be used. Long hair tied back Loose clothing tucked away 	L	L		Leaders in charge
Faulty equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruises, cuts and abrasions 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check equipment before use. Report any issues upon departure 	L	L		Leaders in charge

Stray arrows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruising, eye injury 	All participants and spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear demonstration and instructions. Participants to only point arrows towards the target. Range to be set up so it points away from other participants. 	L	L		Leaders
Unsupervised access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruising, eye injury 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all equipment is put away after use. Ensure numbers of bows and arrows are checked in and out. 	L	L		Leaders
Weather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunburn, heat exhaustion, wet, cold 	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a shaded area if hot. Leaders to encourage use of hats and sun cream if needed. Monitor weather conditions and amend as applicable. Ensure suitable clothing is worn. 	L	L		Leaders
Slips trips and falls	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure range is on flat ground. Check the ground for holes, bumps and uneven surfaces. Ensure participants are aware of the boundaries for the activity. 	L	L		Leaders