

Tomahawk Risk Assessment

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Risk	How is the risk controlled?	Residual risk	Person responsible for controls
Hit by an angel or tomahawk	Participants, Instructors and by-standers	Minor injury, serious injury, death	Instructors to position themselves so that they can observe all participants. Safety instructions/Range Rules to be given during the briefing and repeated during the session as appropriate. By-standers restricted to safe viewing area. Collection only when given command. Range to roped off and signposted well with adequate safety buffer areas	MEDIUM	Instructors (led by Range Master, a Leader with tomahawk experience to oversee the range)
Dropping tomahawk/angel on leg or foot	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	Participants to wear long trousers and closed toe shoes. Participants reminded these things are sharp	LOW	As above
Hit by falling target	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	Targets to be well secured, anchored and sloped backwards	LOW	As above
Damaged, broken or failing throwing equipment	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	All equipment to be checked by instructors prior to use. Damaged equipment, or equipment with sharp burrs or thought likely to fail, to be withdrawn from service until repaired or scrapped.	LOW	As above
Lost angels or tomahawks left behind	Future users of the venue	Minor injury, serious injury, damage to relationship with venue	All arrows must be collected. Count the arrows used and count them again at the end. If necessary a search party must be arranged to find every last one.	LOW	As above
Knives or chopping axes must not be used	Participants, Instructors	Reputational risk for scouts, injury	Scouting does not allow knife throwing and does not condone the dangerous misuse of chopping axes which are not designed for throwing	LOW	As above