

Risk assessment – Archery

Name of activity, event and location	Archery	Date of Risk Assessment	17.05.25	Name of Person doing this risk assessment	Steven Kinsley
		Date of next review	17.05.26		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Equipment failure – Bows may fail to operate properly	All	Regularly inspect bows and arrows for signs of wear & tear. Replace any deemed unsafe.	
Inadequate control of archers may result in personal injury to a archer or instructor.	All	Archery must always be carried out under the control of a qualified instructor. All archers must understand and accept this person is in charge. All archers must obey the archery range rules and the commands of the instructor. Fooling around will not be tolerated and will lead to dismissal from the range. Prior safety talk and commands instruction to be given to all archers. No spectators are allowed in the range area during shooting.	
Uncontrolled procedure leading to personal Injury	All	No person is to cross the firing line unless instructed by a range officer. All bows must be placed on the bow stand after firing sequence is finished. Archers must wait until the all-clear has been given before retrieving arrows. No bows or arrows to be touched until all archers and instructors are back on the safe side of the firing line and the instructor has given instruction to start.	

You can find more information in the Safety Checklist for Leaders and at scouts.org.uk/safety

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Injury from handling and using bows and arrows	All	Prior instruction in safe use of archery equipment given to all archers. Advise archers of appropriate clothing, long hair to be tied back. Supervision of participants at all times.	
Slips, trips and falls	All	Ensure the area around the range is clear & safe. Advise archers to wear appropriate footwear. Instruction given prior to reaching the range to walk at all times.	