

Risk Assessment - 1st Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scouts

Name of activity, event and location	Rifle Shooting	Date of Risk Assessment	09.02.25	Name of Person doing this risk assessment	Carole Fleming
		Date of next review	10.02.26		

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 – Rifle may fail to operate properly	All	Regularly inspect rifles for signs of wear & tear. Replace any rifle deemed unsafe. Clean rifles after every use & regularly oil all working parts. Rifles to be stored correctly. Air rifle cleaning kit to always be available to clean rifles after use.	
Possibility of a pellet rebounding from target area & hitting shooter	All	Shooting position must be at the acceptable minimum safe distance from target face. Pellet catchers must be cleaned out regularly Shooters & instructors must wear safety glasses.	
Inadequate control of shooters may result in personal injury to a shooter or instructor.	All	Shooting must always be carried out under the control of an NSRA qualified instructor. All shooters must understand & accept this person is in charge. All shooters must obey the rifle range rules & the commands of the NSRA instructor. Fooling around will not be tolerated & will lead to dismissal from the range. Prior safety talk & commands instruction to be given to all shooters. 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 rifles must be unloaded, broken & laid down on the shooting bench after completion of shots. Shooters must wait until the all-clear has been given before retrieving	

		<p>targets.</p> <p>No rifles to be touched until all shooters are back on the safe side of the firing line.</p>	
Injury from handling and firing rifles	All	<p>Prior instruction in safely loading and firing rifles given to all shooters.</p> <p>Advise shooters of appropriate clothing, long hair to be tied back.</p> <p>Supervision of participants at all times.</p>	
Risk of lead poisoning from pellets	All	<p>Warnings of risk given by instructors to shooters & advise to wash hands/use sanitiser as soon as possible after leaving the range.</p> <p>Instructors more at risk through increased exposure to pellets, sanitiser available on the range.</p>	
Slips, trips and falls	All	<p>Ensure the area around the range is clear & safe.</p> <p>Advise shooters to wear appropriate footwear.</p> <p>Instruction given prior to reaching the range to walk at all times.</p>	
Cuts, splinters and bruising	All	<p>Advise that shooting bench & shelter is rough wood at some sites, take care when touching or leaning.</p> <p>Front of shelter may be low, take care if tall.</p>	