

## Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Tomahawk Braggerswood Campsite	Date of risk assessment	17 April 2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Juliet Gregson
		Date of next review	17 April 2027		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
TSA rules		<p>The activity must be run following all POR rules and TSA guidance. In particular, but not exclusively:</p> <p>The leader-in-charge will be the appropriately knowledgeable activity leader, or if two, one should be assigned. They must ensure all people in the range are briefed on the risk assessment and safety measures. They must do dynamic risk assessments throughout the activity.</p> <p>A first aider, trained to First Response level should be in attendance and the location of a first aid kit known.</p> <p>All faulty equipment, near misses, accidents and incidents must be reported to the Camp Warden without delay.</p> <p>Any Braggers Wood committee member or any senior member of Christchurch District may stop the activity or the use of the range if they deem it unsafe and their decision is final.</p>	
Risk of injury when transporting, transferring and storing equipment	All	<p>The camp staff may only allow access to the range and the equipment box for an activity, to activity leaders.</p> <p>The transport of the equipment to and from the range should be managed by the camp warden or there staff, and the equipment box should remain locked.</p> <p>Tomahawks must be returned to the locked equipment box, returned to the camp warden or there staff, to take to the store and the store must be locked.</p>	
Risk of injury due to issues with range and conditions	All	<p>The instructor should check the integrity of the fencing, the ability of the gate to lock, the stability and suitability of the targets and the throwing line, and that the throwing equipment is not faulty before starting an activity.</p> <p>The activity leader should check the suitability of the weather before starting an activity.</p>	
Risk of injury from equipment	All	<p>Tomahawk throwing must only occur in the designated range onsite.</p> <p>Only the site-provided tomahawks may be thrown, NOTHING ELSE.</p> <p>This range requires a minimum of one appropriately knowledgeable activity leader and a scout adult member to supervise those waiting.</p> <p>The appropriate knowledgeable person must be as TSA guidance, Activity leaders from outside Christchurch District must show proof of their training to the Camp Warden or Activity Co-ordinator.</p> <p>The Scout adult member must hold a DBS and current safety training.</p> <p>This range must only have 10 throwers per group, 5 per target.</p>	

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		<p>This range has a minimum age of 8 years and activity leaders must ensure that each thrower has the strength, physical ability and maturity to throw safely.</p> <p>Only the instructors, the supervising adult and participants are allowed in the range. Any others must seek the permission of the instructor before entering.</p> <p>The exit gate must be securely closed so no one can unexpectedly enter.</p> <p>The throwing line must be used and must not be moved.</p> <p>All people throwing must wear suitable footwear and clothing - walking boots or strong shoes, minimum trainers</p>	
Risk of injury from throwing	ALL	<p>Throwers should be instructed in safe throwing techniques.</p> <p>On this range:</p> <p>Only one thrower at a time is to aim at each target</p> <p>Only one tomahawk should be thrown at a target at a time.</p> <p>Maximum of three small hawks (angels) should be thrown at the target before being collected.</p> <p>Participants deemed to be deliberately throwing too aggressively or not following safety rules should be managed appropriately by the activity leader to ensure their own and others safety.</p> <p>Only 1 larger hawk should be thrown at the target before collecting.</p>	
Risk of injury when removing tomahawks	ALL	<p>Throwers should be instructed in safe removal techniques, especially the removal of tomahawks in the targets first.</p> <p>Throwers should be instructed in safe carrying techniques.</p> <p>The activity leader is the only person who can instruct a thrower to remove a tomahawk from a target after they have declared the range safe.</p>	
Risk of injury to waiting participants	ALL	<p>Any participants waiting should be instructed to stand in the waiting area by the instructor.</p> <p>Young people waiting must be supervised by the assigned Scout adult member, ensuring they stay in the area and that they do not distract the throwers by voice or movements.</p>	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.