

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Air Rifle/Pistol Shooting, Alfrey Activity Centre Warwickshire	Date of risk assessment	06/10/21	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Paul Skipper
		Date of next review	June 2022		

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?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.
Over Crowding	Everyone	Max 12 participants per session. Only instructor and 4 participants at the firing point. Spectators are asked to sit on benches behind safe area during activity.	
Un - Qualified Range Officer	Everyone	MUST be qualified to NSRA, Range is kept securely locked when not in use. Guns stored in regulation gun safe separate area to the range. Pellets are not stored in the range.	Duty Warden to ensure suitably qualified staff available
Incorrect range layout for rifles / pistols	Everyone	Instructor qualified to NSRA, Smaller rifles / pistols to be used at 6m, larger rifles to be used at 10m only	
Mis-Behaviour	Participants/Leaders	Participants given clear instructions, and warned that any breach of the safety rules will result in the session being stopped.	Safety Brief Given at Start of Session
Loading of Air Rifle - Trapping, Entanglement, Crushing of fingers, Ejection	Participants / Instructors	Participants given clear instructions and are supervised throughout. Instruction reiterates the need to keep fingers away from the breach mechanism	
Firing of Air Rifle / Re-Bound of Pellet from Target	Everyone	All participants issued with safety glasses and given clear instruction on the range safety procedures. Participants supervised at all times by an NSRA qualified instructor. Pellet Catchers, Use Of Paper Targets ONLY	Inspection by site staff prior to use, Report issues to Manager

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Plinking Targets		All participants issued with safety glasses and given clear instruction on the range safety procedures. Only to be used n outside Range at no less than 6 metres.	
Being Shot At	Leaders/Participants	Safety Induction talk, Visual Inspection of Air Rifles After Firing, No Pellets given out during Collection Of Targets, Pellets kept with instructor at all times	
Slips trips and falls	Everyone	Signage, Area Inductions.	Provide safety briefing to leaders and highlight operating procedure.

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