

THE QUARRIES SCOUT CAMPSITE



SHOOTING RANGE

RISK ASSESSMENT

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WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE



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RISK ASSESSMENT FOR SHOOTING RANGE

1. **PERSONNEL INVOLVED** Instructors. Members of the Scout and Guide Associations and / or any other insured groups.
(Instructors to hold required qualifications NRSA. Range officer certificate. Instructors decision is final.)
- NUMBER OF PEOPLE** 1 – 12 depending on age of participants.
 Group leader required for supervision of young people

PERMISSION TO SHOOT FORMS **MUST** BE COMPLETED BEFORE ENTERING THE RANGE

2. Potential hazards, risk assessment and measures to be taken to control hazards

POTENTIAL HAZARDS	ASSESSMENT OF RISK	MEASURES TAKEN TO CONTROL HAZARDS
Child protection	Possible Serious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All instructors have had DBS checks – with regular review and update • All instructors have attended a safeguarding and child protection course • Use of guidelines and rules of the Scout Association • All instructors registered with the Scout Association and hold the relevant permit for the activity.
Movement and waiting during activity	Slips, trips, falls and injury	Instructor has total control of the Range and participants. Participants to be controlled by a responsible person in the seated waiting area provided.
Movement around activity	Slips, trips and falls	Participants will be advised not to run and how to navigate around the Range before the commencement of the activity.
Unauthorised access	Injury from incorrect use or access	Report any unauthorised access or security breach to site official for repair or replacement.

Unauthorised access	Injury from incorrect use	At changeover of groups guns and pellets are not to be left unsupervised. An instructor to be at the Range at all times when groups are participating.
Equipment inspection prior to activity	Injuries from faulty equipment	All equipment should be inspected by the instructor prior to use. Any faulty equipment should be removed from use and reported to site official for repair or replacement.
Equipment failure during activity	Injuries from faulty equipment	Regular inspection of equipment carried out during activity. Faulty equipment to be removed from use for later repair or disposed of, whichever is applicable.
Stray pellets / Ricochets	Serious injury from stray pellets / ricochets	Users and instructors must be aware of possible ricochets although every effort has been made to eliminate this possibility. And ensure the use of provided safety goggles.
Being shot	Serious injury or death	No participant or instructor to go past the firing point until all shots have been fired or by specific command of the Range officer.
Charging the rifle	Serious bruising / laceration / pinching / broken bones	Correct use and instruction on the safety trigger and how to charge the rifle.
Using the rifle	Serious injury or death	Never pick up a rifle until instructed by the Range officer and keep loaded rifles pointing down the Range.
Collecting targets	Serious injury or death	Never go beyond the firing point until instructed by the Range officer.
Access to target point	Serious injury or death	Access flap to remain in closed position until all shots have been fired.
Pellets - Lead content	Poisoning / Stomach upset	Participants / Instructors to wash hands after session.
Access and Egress of the Range	Slips, trips, falls and injury	Correct use of stairs / ramp and handrails provided.
Power failure	Slips, trips, falls and injury	Emergency lighting provided.
Fire	Slips, trips, falls and injury	Fire extinguishers and fire exits provided.

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