

Risk Assessment Archery



Date assessment carried out April 2026
 Date assessment to be reviewed April 2027
 Assessment carried out by Tom Edghill

Hazard	Possible Harm	Control Measure	Risk Rating	Further Action
Shot by arrow	All individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety information stated in the brief. Clear waiting, shooting and target zones established. Safety command explained and reinforced throughout the session - "fast" or "stop" to be used. Arrows only to be touched following the command "Fire When Ready" or "load". No one to load their bow until they are standing astride the firing line. Once a participant has shot all three arrows they are to sit down on the bench or retire from the firing line and await further instructions. No one is to distract a person when they are in the act of loading an arrow or shooting. No one to collect arrows until the command "Collect Your Arrows". No one to move forward of the firing line until told to do so. No one to move up range unless instructed to by range instructor. 	Medium	<p>Constant reminders regarding safety.</p> <p>Sign to mark firing line, and safe area.</p> <p>Participants to stay in safe zone until called.</p> <p>Use of safety arrows.</p>

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Falling onto an arrow	All participants/ Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrows to be carried with points safe -pointing to the ground. All participants warned not to run with arrows. 	Low	Sucker arrows to be used.
Running into an arrow	All participants/ Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When moving around the shooting area participants are not allowed to run at any time. Participants always approach the targets from the side or between never straight on. Participants only move when instructed to move. 	Low	Sucker arrows to be used.
Hit by string	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants to wear as a minimum a short arm guard on the inner forearm of the hand holding the bow. Long arm guards to be available for those needing them. Participants should wear long sleeve tops. 	Low	
Strained joints	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants to be given bows with strings appropriate to their strength. 	Low	Ensure both junior and senior bows are available.
Falling target	All participants/ staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants to place their hand on the target prior to pulling out the arrow to anchor the target. Demonstration to be given by instructor. Deeply embedded arrows to be removed by instructor. 	Low	Instructor to stand by target while arrow is removed.
Damaged or broken equipment.	All participants/ staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment checked prior to use by supervising staff Damaged equipment to be removed from service, reported and replaced. Damage happening during the session to be either repaired at the time or the item withdrawn as above and a replacement drawn from the store 	Medium	All kit to be frequently checked both when setting up for a session and at the end of a session.