

**Risk Assessment and Management  
2026**
**Axe (Raven) Throwing**

**Description.** Axe Throwing is an activity in which people throw an edged tool at a target. For the purpose of the sessions we run this will always take place on an axe throwing specific range this may be permanent or pop-up.

Note: We call it AXE throwing so that people understand the activity, we do NOT use axes we use a 3 pointed throwing tool called a RAVEN.

**Managing Risk Statement.** Supervisors will hold the appropriate qualification for this activity (see [Minimum Qualifications document](#)). The quality and safety of sessions will be regularly reviewed with any outcomes being fed into the RA and policies. Inherent within this activity is the possibility of getting wet, tired and exposed to ambient weather conditions( see [Weather Policy](#) )

**Benefits.** Adventure Activities provide a range of benefits (see [Education and Learning policy](#))

The Hazard, what is causing a risk?	Who might be affected	How we manage the risk
Being hit with a Raven While on the firing line	All	Ensure all throwers face the targets. Explain / demo and instructor to stay vigilant.
While collecting Ravens		No one to move forward of the firing line until all throwers are finished and instructor says its clear to collect.
Ravens bouncing back from target	All	Minimum throwing distance of 3m  Wet Targets  Sharp Ravens

**Specific assessments**
**Operating Procedures**
Before

- Check medical / consent forms.
- Check the weather forecast – does your plan still work.
- Instructor to inspect all kit to ensure it is usable.

During

- Clear briefing to highlight risks, safety measures and expectations.
- Any assistants / staff to be briefed on their role.

After

- Return kit.
- Inform SAC of any damages or loss.

Inform course leader of any issues with group / venue to assist with planning for future.

**Lesson Plan****Axe (Raven) Throwing**

**Equipment.** Ravens, Target, water spray, rasp, cards

**Preparation**

Check the area, set up waiting area and shooting line, and set up equipment ( check all equipment is ready to go)

**First 5 minutes.** Sit group in waiting area and give safety brief.

**Explanation.** Explain to the group what they will be doing, that there will be a demonstration before they have a go.

**Demonstration** Demonstrate throwing 'Ravens', demonstrate collecting and carrying Ravens

**Doing it themselves.** In pairs have a go – repeat until you have seen all the group do it successfully.