

Generic Archery Risk Assessment – A specific venue assessment should also be completed

Hazard	How might it come about?	who is at risk	Level of harm	Likelihood of occurring	Level of risk	Control measures
Puncture wound from sharp end of arrow	Walking into shooting area of range	Public, Staff, Contractors, Participants, Volunteers	Extremely harmful	Highly unlikely	Moderate	Range has restricted access; not open to public. Barriers with signage 'Warning, Archery in Progress, Do Not Enter'. Lead instructor ensures clear safety instructions given before commencing activity. Shooting line and waiting lines clearly marked. Explains command STOP and FAST. Shooting only occurs when range is clear and stops immediately if it believed to not be clear.
Puncture wound from sharp end of arrow	Arrows falling beyond or outside of shooting range	Public	Extremely harmful	Highly unlikely	Moderate	Participants shoot as instructed. Lead instructor is vigilant of high draws. Any damage or brakeage to the safety netting or barriers to be reported immediately to lead instructor/facilities manager.
Cuts and grazes, from broken equipment	Faulty Equipment	Participant	Harmful	Highly unlikely	Tolerable	Lead instructor will check all equipment before the start of a training session. Throughout session, vigilance for any equipment which becomes damaged. Any damaged equipment is reported and not to be used until fixed.
Cuts and grazes from hidden or broken lost arrows	Stray Arrow or lost arrows	All Participants	Slightly Harmful	Highly unlikely	Tolerable	Participants vigilance throughout the session. Arrows counted at the beginning and end of the session. Lost arrows found or reported. No open toed shoes.
Damage to back or shoulders	Lifting or positioning target bosses or range equipment, or falling targets	Staff, instructor, participants	Harmful	Unlikely	Moderate	Lead instructor should always check that targets are safe to shoot at before use (tied down securely). Instructors and participants seek help when moving a target, that might be to heavy or cumbersome to move alone. Care to be taken to secure / support target when removing arrows from the target.
Injury of participant whilst shooting	Damaged or missing equipment, inappropriate clothing	Participant	Harmful	Unlikely	Moderate	Participants to wear PPE, hair tied back, piercings removed. All equipment inspected for damage before session. Participants shown how to safely remove arrows from the target.