

## Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Shooting  Holwell Pastures Scout Campsite	Date of risk assessment update	February 2025	Name of person updating this risk assessment	Derek Fraser
		Date of next review	February 2026		

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?
<b>A hazard</b> is something that may cause harm or damage. <b>The risk</b> is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, leaders, young leaders visitors, all present	<b>Controls</b> are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> the activity.  This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
<b>Lead pellets</b> - ingestion of lead	All present	NSRA instructors and group leaders to ensure that all participants wash hands their at the end of the activity.	
<b>Pellet rebound</b> – injury to participants or instructors	All present	Targets are distanced from participants and in a professionally built range. The backstop must be inspected regularly for wear & tear. Pellet catchers must be cleaned out regularly. The range has been tested for rebound and is retested after back stop renewal; during rebound testing eye protection must be worn.	
<b>Gun mechanism</b> – injury caused by trapped body parts in gun mechanism	All present	NSRA instructor to provide instruction on the safe use of guns before the activity begins. NSRA instructor to ensure that adequate supervision is in place. NSRA instructor to ensure that the guns and equipment being used are suitably sized for participants.	
<b>Persons entering or crossing the range</b> - injury to participants or instructors	All present	Accidental access to the range is not possible due to the construction of the range. Signage is in place around range, advising not to enter the area.	
<b>Equipment failure/Miss fire</b> - injury to participants or instructors	Participants	Guns are clean and well maintained. Each gun is checked before use by NSRA instructor and any defective guns removed from use.	
<b>Trips and falls</b> - injury to participants or instructors	All present	Participants to remain seated whilst shooting. No running on range. Range is checked for hazards by NSRA instructor before the activity begins.	
<b>Noise distractions</b> - injury to participants or instructors <b>Horseplay</b> Injury to people, damage to environment, buildings or equipment	All present	Activity is supervised at all times by NSRA instructor(s) and Group Leaders instructed that they are to ensure that their group complies with the operating rules and follow instructions given concerning waiting area, spectator line, shooting line. Participants to control their actions, if they are unable to follow rules participants are to be removed from activity.	

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Unauthorised use of gun - Injury to people, damage to environment, buildings or equipment	All present	No guns are kept on site. All are kept offsite correctly in gun cabinets & separately from the ammunition. Guns and ammunition are only brought to the site when an activity session is booked.	
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