

Location:	Foxlease Park	Assessor:	Nat Hogan Cottee
Date of Assessment:	17/05/2026	Date of review:	17/05/2027
Description of area or activity:	Axe Throwing (plastic)		
Equipment used:	Plastic axe targets and target stands, with plastic axes and throwing stars		

Technical Advisor: n/a



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Activity	Hazard	Description of potential accident/injury/loss	Who is affected	Precautions/controls already in place	Risk S	Risk L	Risk F	Further control measures applied	Action by	Net S	Net L	Net F
Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Insufficient qualifications of the instructor	Damage to equipment, injuries to people	All users	Foxlease Park Activity Team to check session leader has sufficient experience or qualifications.	5	1	5	Foxlease Park lead instructor will check in on session, No formal qualification is required for Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Session Leader	3	1	3
Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Throwing/bounce back injury to the body/foot	Throwing axes/stars bruising foot, arms, body	All users	Participants are to wear closed-toe shoes or boots; no open-toe sandals. Correct ways of throwing demonstrated and explained to all participants. Throwing axes and stars are plastic. Suitable distance between the shooting line and the target line to reduce the likelihood of the bounce back reaching participants.	2	1	2		Session Leader	1	1	1
Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Injury from poorly maintained/damaged equipment	Face, neck, and hand injuries	All Users	Activity guidance notes are provided for this activity, and equipment should be used in accordance with these guidelines.	3	1	3	Foxlease Park will check the equipment on a regular basis. If the session leader finds a fault they can report this using the QR code on the box,	Session Leader	2	1	2
Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Injury when retrieving throwing axes and stars	Hit with a throwing axe or a star while collecting, Tripping while collecting	All Users	Correct technique for throwing axe and star retrieval to be demonstrated and monitored throughout the session. Any unused throwing axes or stars are to be held or removed from reach before collecting. Participants are to stay behind the waiting line until the collection is complete.	4	1	4	Sessions are checked for safety by an appropriately experienced/qualified person. Session will be stopped if deemed to be unsafe.	Session Leader	2	1	2
Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Target could fall and cause damage or injuries.	Target could fall and cause damage or injuries.	Participants	Session leader to follow the set-up instructions in the Activity Guidance Notes provided with the session. Periodically checks by the session leader. Set up targets to be located on even ground.	3	1	3	Foxlease Park will suggest areas to locate the range.	Session Leader	2	1	2
Axe Throwing (Plastic)	Injuries from inadequately managed shooting range	Major injury, person being hit by a throwing axe or star	All users	Participants are instructed not to aim at people. Participants are instructed to stay behind the shooting line until given the command to collect axes and stars. The session leader is to be aware of the full range/overshoot area for members of the public. Axes and stars are plastic. The target is a plastic one that stands up on its own.	5	1	5		Session Leader	3	1	3