

Hesley Wood Activity Centre
Axe Throwing Risk Assessment (Beaver Play Area)

Hazard	People at risk	Control measures	Review
Equipment failure	Participants	All equipment to be inspected before set up and logged in accordance with the site inspection and replacement policy. Targets, Stands, Angel Axes.	30/11/2020
Weather; sessions may become dangerous due to adverse weather conditions	All involved	Sessions may have to be cancelled during periods of heavy rain and storms. Move to Woodbadge hall if possible. Dynamic RA to be carried out throughout the activity.	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. 1 Unauthorised entry into the activity/danger area 2 Retrieval of Angel Axes from target/ground 3 Improper use	All involved	1. Activity area cordoned off when in use ensuring no possible entry from rear of targets. Waiting area is clearly marked. Area fenced off and group warned of any hazards. Visual checks of area by instructor throughout the session. 2. Correct method of retrieving Angel Axes demonstrated and monitored throughout session. <i>Target before floor!</i> 3. Members not using the equipment appropriately will be asked to leave the throwing area.	
Hazards arising from the actions of group members i.e. Over crowding Disorderly behaviour.	All involved	1. Group leader must be present during sessions. 2. Max group size of 10 3. If overcrowding of the area occurs then refer to EAP 4. If group member's behaviour becomes dangerous follow the EAP for Disorderly behaviour	
Sharp Edges on Angel Axes	All involved	1. Axes to be transported to and from the range by instructors only. Maintain axes regularly and monitor damage. 2. Members to be shown the correct method of holding, throwing and retrieving axes from the target. 3. Members warned of potential risk before session begins. 4. First Aid box to be taken to range area. 5. Supervision flow instructor.	

Rebounding Axes	Thrower, Instructor.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to wear suitable footwear so the full foot is covered (no flipflops, crocs, sandals) 2. Full leg trousers to be worn, NO SHORTS. 3. Throwing line is clearly visible and at a set distance away from target in accordance with current guidelines 4. Targets are at a set distance apart in accordance with current guidelines. 5. Only participants at throwing line. 	
Clashing of Axes	Thrower	<p>Burrs may be caused by axes clashing, careful retrieval from targets must be carried out.</p> <p>Filing of axes after session or before next session.</p> <p>Instructor should constantly monitor condition of axes and replacements sought when needed.</p> <p>Spare Axes available for session.</p>	