

# Leicestershire Scouts County Shooting Team Outline Risk Assessment -

## (Air Rifle / Air Pistol Shooting) – Outdoor Range



Hazard / Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Risk Level	Controls Used to Reduce Hazard	Description Of Monitoring Required to Maintain or Reduce Risk Level	Review & Revision
Users unfamiliar with the activity & it's safe operation	All	Medium	Activity to start with a safety talk	Staff to ensure the safety talk is always given at the start of the activity	
Fear	Participants	Low	Range staff to always keep control of group	Guide & encourage participant but avoid peer pressure	
Risk of participants being hit by a pellet	Participants	Medium	Participants instructed rifle is always to face down the range & they understand the 'stop' command	Instructor to be vigilant with new participants & Give one to one instruction on first go	
Risk of instructor being hit by a pellet	Instructor	Medium	Participants instructed rifle & pellets must not be touched until instructed	Instructor to give safety talk first & stress all safety instructions	
Risk of eye injury from a pellet ricochet	All	Medium	All persons under the age of 18 on the range to always wear safety goggles when shooting is in progress. Range designed to minimize this risk	Range staff to enforce wearing of goggles & stop session if not worn. Range to be maintained	
Risk of trapped clothing	Participant	Low	Instructor to ensure correct clothing is worn before session starts & no loose items around neck	Instructor to be vigilant during session that clothing has not been changed	

Risk of trapped hair or body parts	Participant	Medium	Instructor to ensure long hair is tied back & participants have correct stance/posture	Instructor to be vigilant during session that hair is still safe & instructions being followed	
Risk of lead poisoning from pellets	Participant	Low	Participants instructed to wash hands after the session has finished, before & after going to the toilet and especially before eating	Ensure food is not brought into compound & stress instruction to wash hands after session	
Risk of injury due to messing about while waiting	Participants	Medium	Range staff to keep control of participants waiting and to control disruptive or dangerous behaviour	Enforce good behaviour of group. Remove unruly members of group from range /session	
Risk of unsafe use of facility	All	Medium	Approved equipment used. Qualified staff. Scout Association guidelines & shooting fraternity rules observed & followed. Safety talk given at start. Participants Mobile phones to be switched off or on silent & not used in compound	Kit logged, checked & replaced at manufacturers recommendations. Staff trained & kept up to date of new rules or changes. Ensure safety talk given & understood. Enforce mobile phone rule	
Failure of equipment	All	Low	Approved equipment used. Equipment maintained & replaced as advised by manufacturer. Equipment to be removed from use if not safe or fit for purpose Equipment to	Ensure correct equipment is bought, logged, maintained & replaced when necessary. Ensure staff know how to use, inspect & maintain equipment	

			be inspected after every use		
Persons crossing / entering range	All	Low	Safety fencing / ropes & signage to be erected around range. Staff to be always alert and vigilant	Ensure access to the range is minimised and participants are informed they are not to cross or enter the range unless instructed to do so. Make sure all safety signs are clearly visible and safety fencing is properly preventing access	
Miss Fire	All	Low	Guns to be clean & well maintained. Defective guns to be taken out of service	Ensure all participants understand the safety rules and the fundamentals of how the guns work. Staff to be vigilant	
Slips, Trips & Falls	All	Medium	Area to be kept clear of hazards that may pose a risk, participants to be seated whilst shooting & waiting,	Staff to check range before and during session to ensure there are minimal risks. Ensure all participants know they must remain seated unless told otherwise	
Noise Distractions	Participants	Low	Range staff to ensure noise made by spectators / or participants awaiting their turn is kept to a minimum	Staff to make sure that all participants/ spectators understand why noise / volume may pose a risk and why it needs to be kept to a minimum	

Unauthorized Use of guns	All	Medium	Guns & Ammunition to be kept secure when not in use.	Staff / range conducting officer to ensure all guns & ammunition is kept securely whilst unattended or not in use. Ammunition to be stored separately to guns. Guns / Ammunition should only be accessible to authorised persons	
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