

# Risk Assessment – AIR RIFLE SHOOTING






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<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify the common significant risks to which Rhydd Covert Scout Camp Team and visitors are exposed and to identify appropriate control measures. .
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<b>Scope:</b>	The risk assessment is to be used in association with the activities that are carried out at Rhydd Covert Scout Camp
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<b>Related Documents:</b>	<b>Generic Risk Assessments</b>  RCSC/Act030 - Supervision of Children/Young Persons on Site
	<b>POR</b> Rule 9 – Activities Rule 7.2 - Emergency Procedures Rule 7.4 – Accident Reporting
	<b>Fact sheets</b> FS120075 - In Touch FS120000 – Activities - Risk Assessment FS120004 - Target Shooting
	<b>Other</b>  National Small-Bore Rifle Association – <a href="http://www.nrsa.co.uk/">www.nrsa.co.uk/</a>

<b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</b>					
	Wash Hands	Protective Eyewear	Footwear		

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It is the duty of all members to observe the following Risk Assessment to provide a code of good practice and conduct with the object of preventing accidents. At all times members must work in a safe manner both to prevent personal injury to themselves and to others.

**Important Note:** It is the duty of all members under Regulation 14 of the “Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999” to inform the ‘employer’, i.e. RCSC Team, Campsite Manager of any circumstances that may indicate any shortcomings in this assessment

Minimum Leader Competence	National Small Bore Rifle Association	Minimum Assistant Competence	N/A
Activity Length Time	1 Hour & 30 Mins	Minimum Age of Participants	8+Years

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# GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT



## AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

Task Element	Hazard and harmful effect	Likelihood Info	Initial risk level			Control measures to reduce likelihood	Controlled risk level		
			SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL		SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK LEVEL
Maintenance & security of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malfunction of equipment causing injury.</li> </ul>	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment to be kept in secure storage.</li> <li>Pellets to be kept in secure storage at separate location to rifles.</li> <li>Rifles to be inspected and maintained by competent person on regular basis and prior to use.</li> <li>Any faulty, broken or worn equipment to be reported to the RCSC Team.</li> </ul>	4	2	8
Transporting Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slip/trips/falls</li> <li>Cuts/bruises etc</li> <li>Broken bones</li> <li>Collision with other people/object</li> <li>Manual handling</li> </ul>		3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons transporting rifles between secure store and rifle range must be over the age of 21 and escorted by competent instructor.</li> <li>Rifles must be 'broken' whilst being transported.</li> <li>Rifles must not be transported through crowds of people.</li> <li>Do not attempt to carry more than is comfortable.</li> </ul>	3	2	6
Leaving equipment unattended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft</li> <li>Shooting</li> <li>Injury</li> </ul>		4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rifles to be locked away securely whilst not in use.</li> <li>Pellets must be removed from the area when leaving the activity.</li> <li>Participants must never be left alone with rifles.</li> </ul>	4	2	8

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Use of air rifles for shooting targets on range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury from pellet from rifle</li> <li>• Injury due to misuse or failure of equipment</li> <li>• Injury from Pellet Bounce Back</li> <li>• Trapping for fingers, hands etc. in breach</li> <li>• Death</li> <li>• Penetrating wounds</li> <li>• Cuts, scratches, abrasions</li> <li>• Trips, slips, falls</li> <li>• Hygiene Issues</li> <li>• Absorption of lead</li> </ul>	Young persons and adults (possibly with little or no experience) Which are Members of the Scout or Guide Movement who use the campsite.	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorised instructors only to supervise activity. (All instructors must be 21 years of age)</li> <li>• Instructors not known to RCSC Team or deputies, or from other organisations, companies' etc., must provide valid certificates prior to activity.</li> <li>• Activity must be pre-booked in accordance with site booking procedure.</li> <li>• No more than 12 persons per session allowed in rifle range at any time.</li> <li>• A maximum of 6 persons to firing at once.</li> <li>• Rifles to be laid on counter (broken) whilst anyone is on range.</li> <li>• Full instruction on use of rifles to be given before loading.</li> <li>• Rifles must <b>NEVER</b> be pointed at others, whether loaded or not, at any time. If anyone does this shooting will stop and they will be requested to leave the range immediately and then the activity may recommence.</li> <li>• Activity must only be undertaken by under 18's with signed parental consent in accordance with FS120004 &amp; POR rule 9.37</li> <li>• Proof of date of birth maybe required.</li> <li>• Instructor to stop activity immediately should any of the following occur                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group is too large or unruly to supervise</li> <li>- No adult supervision is provided by the group</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Instructor's instructions must be adhered to at all times.</li> <li>• Participants must be reminded to wash hands after taking part in the activity.</li> <li>• <b>Both Participants and Spectators must wear safety glasses in the waiting area.</b></li> </ul>	4	2	8