



## Risk Assessment

Name of activity, event and location	Cranham Scout Centre Air-Rifle Shooting	Date of risk assessment	11/11/2025	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Brandon Ely Operations Manager
		Date of next review	11/11/2026		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs? <b>The Session Leader will...</b>	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Inadequate instruction and/or inadequate control of behaviour causing distraction leading to accident/injury	Instructors & participants and passers by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure there is a group-specific risk assessment in place prior to the session.</li> <li>ensure there is at least one responsible adult, in addition to the instructor, to help manage behaviour.</li> <li>ensure the the instructor holds an in-date National Small-Bore Rifle Association Certificate in Air-Rifle Shooting and has an in-date first-aid certificate.</li> </ul>	
Defective Equipment – Causing Injury	Instructors and participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>check the equipment and range before and after each session.</li> </ul> <b>Equipment Check List:</b> Barrels clear Front and rear sights in place and in working order Gun cocks and triggers locks Safety trigger catches working Stocks sound and free from defects All securing screws tight and locked Main springs in good condition Colour marking tape on barrels Carrying cases sound, zip working	

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for Section Volunteers and at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)



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		<b>Shooting Range Check List</b> Back stop sound and secure. Firing position area in useable condition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ensure that the Range Safety Rules notice is in position within the range.</li><li>• Remove any defective equipment from potential use and report it to the Operations Manager.</li></ul>	
Slips, trips and falls within the range could cause injury/ the inadvertent firing of a rifle causing injury	Instructors & participants and passers by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ensure that all participants walk within the range.</li></ul>	
Unauthorised/accidental entry to firing range during firing resulting in injury	Anyone on site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• brief the group to stop firing if anyone is down range or hears the instruction "Stop, Stop, Stop".</li></ul>	
Inappropriate firing causing injury	Instructors & participants and passers by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• brief that all gun barrels are to be broken, in the open position and laid on the table when any person is in front of the firing position.</li><li>• will always monitor all shooters.</li></ul>	
Accidental firing causing injury	Instructors & participants and passers by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• check all rifles are clear of pellets at the end of the session.</li></ul>	
Rifles accessed by irresponsible person/s - potential to cause injury and distress to others	Anyone on site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ensure the rifles are stored in a locked metal gun cabinet which is bolted to the floor in a locked room.</li><li>• ensure the rifles are moved on site in a locked box and the keys to the room and box are kept securely by the Operations Manager.</li></ul>	
Injury or another incident requiring first aid	Instructors & participants and passers by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have a mobile phone which has sufficient signal with them during the session and an emergency contact list.</li></ul>	

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### Review due:-

A risk assessment needs reviewing if circumstances change but also schedule regular reviews to ensure they are current, recommended every 12 months? The review must include a detailed look at each element of the risk assessment in order to establish if any change is required.

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop halfway through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk-assessed contingency activities before their taking place and have communicated key information to those involved, as with all activities.