



Bull Axe Throwing Risk Assessment Form

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Assessor	Job Title	Assessment Date	Review Dates / Initials	
DA	Director	02/10/24	01/10/25	DA

Assessment task or location:	Mobile Trailers
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Persons at risk	Frequency	Further Details	Are any disabled?	Comments
Staff	Occasionally		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Axe bounce back safety
Contractors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visitors	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gen. Public / Others	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Hz No	Hazard description	How are persons affected?	Level of Risk			Existing controls	Further controls / action
			P	S	R		
1	During a throwing procedure persons can strike the header boards and knots in the boards	Being struck by axe	1	1	1	Players are made aware during safety briefing of the potential of axes bouncing away from the boards. Players are instructed not to proceed to retrieve an until it has safely landed to a stop.	Throwing distances are set to 12- 15ft and is a safe distance. Anyone throwing with too much velocity are immediately advised to reduce velocity or cease play completely.
2						Both venues and mobile trailers have side wall and ceiling meshing as preventative measures	
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Staff	Occasionally		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Axe breakages
Contractors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visitors	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gen. Public / Others	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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1	During a session axes can break	Splinter from axe handles	1	1	1	During a safety briefing players are advised that axes can break. It is rare that axes break into two but heads can move and cracks can appear in the shaft. Players are to hand these to instructors	Axes are checked throughout the day between sessions. Breakages are removed from use.
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Staff	Occasionally		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Cross lane safety
Contractors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visitors	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gen. Public / Others	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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1	Axes being thrown / bouncing into neighbouring lanes (Venues)	Being struck by axe	1	1	1	No risk. We have controlled the risk by building complete lane enclosures. Each lane is built to an acceptable height. All lanes have steel safety netting to both sides and overhead.	All netting checked daily
2	Axes being thrown / bouncing into neighbouring lane (Trailers)	Being struck by axe	1	1	1	No risk, with instructors present each player is instructed not to approach the board whilst neighbouring player is in play.	No action needed other than full instructor training which is reviewed ongoing.
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Staff	Occasionally		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	General Axe Handling
Contractors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visitors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gen. Public / Others	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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1	Picking up axe	Splinter from axe handles	1	1	1	All axes are checked periodically throughout days sessions. Any slight splintering is sanded smooth. Any axes with splits or large gouges are removed from the game floor.	Checking of handles is part of the daily safety check
2	Running fingers across blade	Cutting of skin	1	1	1	Our axes are chosen for their blunt blades. Any user choosing to touch the blade will not cut their fingers. All axe blades are checked throughout a days session for damage.	Checking of axe heads forms part of the daily safety check
3	Dropping of axe on feet/toes	Slight bruising if not in correct footwear	1	1	1	It forms part of our frequently asked questions in that we advise customers to wear the correct footwear with no open toes.	All customers checked upon entry
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Staff	Occasionally		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Rear spectator safety
Contractors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visitors	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gen. Public / Others	5 to 6 hours		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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1	During a throwing procedure, persons behind the thrower being struck by the top of the axe	Being struck by axe	1	1	1	No risk. There is a 1-2m safety line painted on to the floor behind the throwing lanes (Venues) On trailers no other persons are allowed unless playing with the acceptance of the instructor.	Bull Axe Throwing staff constantly monitor players in and out of throwing.
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