

Archery Risk assessment:

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	RISK	RISK CONTROLS	RESIDUAL RISK
Participants shooting arrows before archery should begin	Participants, Instructors and by-standers	Minor injury, serious injury, death	Group briefing must take place before participants are given bows and arrows.	MEDIUM
Shot by an arrow	Participants, Instructors and by-standers	Minor injury, serious injury, death	Instructors to position themselves so that they can observe all participants. Safety instructions/Range Rules to be given during the briefing and repeated during the session as appropriate. By-standers to be restricted to safe viewing area. Approaches to the range monitored and shooting to be halted as necessary if people or animals approach.	MEDIUM
Falling on an arrow	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury, death	Participants warned not to walk/run when carrying arrows. Range to be inspected for slip/trip hazards prior to commencement of session.	MEDIUM
Running into an arrow	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	Participants not allowed to run on range at any time	LOW
Hit by falling target	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	Arrows to be withdrawn from target by placing hand on target, to anchor target, and pulling out arrow	LOW
Damaged or broken equipment	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	All equipment to be checked by instructors prior to use. Damaged equipment to be withdrawn from service until repaired or scrapped.	LOW
Arm hit by bow string	Participants	Minor injury, serious injury	Participants to wear arm guards on the inner forearm of the arm holding the bow	LOW
Muscular strains	Participants	Minor injury	Participants to be provided with bows of appropriate draw strength	LOW
Hit by arrow	Participants, Instructors	Minor injury, serious injury	Arrows to point down range, towards the ground or somewhere between at all times (except when removing from the targets), even when not on a bow.	MEDIUM

Archery Emergency Procedures:

There must be a first aider and first aid kit present when archery is in progress, and there must be a functioning mobile phone with the archery group.

If an incident occurs that requires help from the emergency services, someone is to take a mobile phone up to the top car park, where there is signal, and call the emergency services directly. Due to the time needed to send someone to camp centre and the lack of a line of sight for handheld radios, time must not be wasted seeking help from camp centre.

The OS grid reference of that car park, which is where the emergency services should be asked to attend, is SD 5502 6278. The location is Littledale Road, Lancaster, however that is not enough to locate you.

If possible, the casualty should be moved carefully up to this car park whilst waiting for the emergency services to be called and to arrive. Ensure that the equipment is not left unsupervised; if necessary the entire party should transport both casualty and equipment to the top car park, following the person who's gone ahead with the phone.

Camp centre should be informed, along with Gilwell and the DC, when it is safe to do so without delaying the care of the casualty.