

The Leslie Sell Activity Centre

Risk Assessment

Pistol Shooting

Item no.	Hazard / Risks	Who Is At Risk	Risk	Control Measures	Remaining Risk
1.0	Impact from pellet	All	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants are provided with protective goggles The instructor gives clear and simple instructions on the rules of the range At all times participants are supervised by a qualified instructor The instructor checks that everyone has understood the rules before continuing Access to the range is controlled by the instructor Access to pellets is controlled by the instructor Signs warning people of the dangers, if they enter the area Physical barriers to prevent people walking into the danger area When the participants change the targets over the instructor will first check that the pistols are clear and no pellets are loaded When changing the targets the instructor stays with the pistols on the shooting line Participants are now allowed to be at the shooting stations when there are people down the range Pistols must be pointing in a safe direction at all times No one is to turn around when they are holding a pistol Participants in the waiting area are asked to remain quiet and not distract the people shooting 	1

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pistols must be left in the broken position when people are down range 	
2.0	Misuse of pistols	All	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group has the safety rules explained to them at the beginning of the session The instructor is to remain vigilant Anyone misusing the pistol or not paying attention to the safety rules is stopped from taking part in the activity Participants are only allowed to handle the pistols when they are being supervised by an NSRA qualified instructor Participants are not left alone with pistols 	1
3.0	Group behaviour	All	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The instructor explains the rules and what is expected of the group The group leader is responsible for making sure that the group are following the rules Group is told to listen and to follow all instructions given 	1
4.0	Pistol being stored loaded	All	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The instructor checks at the end of the session that the pistol barrels are clear All pistols are stored in the broken position If the instructor finds the pistol is loaded, they must take it to the range and discharge it in an appropriate manner 	1

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5.0	Loading the pistol (danger of loading whilst pointing at another person)	All	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to give clear demonstration and instructions on the safe way in which to load the pistol Instructor to supervise whilst participants are loading their pistols Participants told not to put their finger near the trigger when loading the pistol Number of people at the firing points controlled by the instructor Solid barriers between the firing points 	2
6.0	Crushed fingers	Participants	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor demonstrates where participants are to place their hands when they are loading the pistol Instructor to supervise to make sure that participants are following the instructions 	2
7.0	Over shoots and side shots	All	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants given clear instruction on the direction of shooting Hanging catch nets fixed in place to prevent pellets from going out of the range boundaries Physical stop behind targets to stop stray pellets No access to the sides or the rear of the range 	2

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Severity Factor and Remaining Risk Assessment

Level	Severity Description	Residual Risk Description
1	Very low – i.e. splinters	Very low, minimal risk, control measures more than adequate
2	Minor injury – i.e. cut, grazing	Low, control measures satisfactory
3	Medium injury would stop casualty continuing with activity	Medium, control measures adequate
4	Serious injury requiring medical attention i.e. broken bone, deep cut	High, control measures need further consideration
5	Extremely harmful, very serious injury or fatality	Very high, intolerable, stop activity

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