



BEARPACK MOBILE AXE THROWING

COMPREHENSIVE RISK ASSESSMENT

Company: Bearpack MobileAxe Throwing

Assessor: Chris Holden

Position: Director / Instructor

Assessment Date: 1 September 2025

Review Date: 1 September 2026

Activity: Mobile Axe Throwing Events

Locations: Mobile Events, Festivals, Corporate Events, Private Functions, Weddings and Public Events

RISK ASSESSMENT

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Potential Harm	Existing Controls	Risk Rating
Setup and dismantling of equipment	Staff	Manual handling injuries, strains and sprains	Staff trained in safe lifting techniques. Team lifting used for heavy equipment. Equipment transported securely.	Low
Transport of axes and equipment	Staff, Public	Cuts, injuries, accidents	Axes transported in secure containers. Equipment secured during transport. Only authorised personnel handle equipment.	Low
Uneven ground or unsuitable surfaces	Staff, Participants, Public	Trips, slips, falls	Site inspected before setup. Unsafe areas avoided. Activity area clearly defined and secured.	Low
Adverse weather conditions	Staff, Participants, Public	Injury from wind, lightning or reduced visibility	Weather monitored throughout event. Activities suspended during thunderstorms or dangerous weather conditions. Gazebos secured where used.	Medium
Participants under minimum age	Participants	Inability to safely perform activity	Minimum participant age is 8 years. Participants under 18 require parental consent. Participants aged 8-12 must be supervised by a responsible adult.	Low

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Potential Harm	Existing Controls	Risk Rating
Intoxicated participants	Participants, Public, Staff	Loss of control of axe, injury to self or others	Any participant appearing intoxicated or unable to follow instructions will be refused participation. Decision of instructor is final.	Medium
Failure to follow safety instructions	Participants	Injury to self or others	Full safety briefing given before participation. Continuous supervision provided. Participants removed if instructions are ignored.	Medium
Spectators entering throwing area	Participants, Spectators	Impact injury	Clearly marked exclusion zone. Safety barriers, guide ropes and signage used. Spectators kept outside active throwing lanes.	Low
Axe thrown outside target area	Participants, Spectators	Serious injury	Double backing nets installed behind targets. Targets positioned correctly. One thrower per lane at a time. Instructor supervision maintained throughout.	Low
Axe rebound or bounce back	Participants	Impact injury	Throwing distance controlled. Safety briefing covers rebound risks. Participants remain behind throwing line until instructed.	Low
Equipment failure	Participants, Staff	Injury from damaged equipment	Equipment inspected before every event. Damaged equipment removed from service immediately. Maintenance records maintained.	Low
Children entering active lane	Children, Participants	Serious injury	Children supervised by parent/guardian. Active lanes monitored at all times. No unauthorised access permitted.	Low
Wheelchair users or participants with disabilities	Participants	Reduced mobility creating additional risks	Individual assessment undertaken where required. Activity adapted where safely possible. Access routes maintained.	Low

Hazard	Persons at Risk	Potential Harm	Existing Controls	Risk Rating
Slips, trips and falls	Staff, Participants, Public	Minor to moderate injury	Equipment positioned safely. Walkways kept clear. Cables secured. Site inspected regularly.	Low
Aggressive or abusive behaviour	Staff, Participants	Injury, confrontation	Bearpack staff may refuse participation and remove individuals from activity area. Event organiser informed where necessary.	Low
Emergency medical incident	Staff, Participants, Public	Serious injury or illness	First aid kit available at all events. Emergency services contacted where required. Incident reporting procedures followed.	Medium

CONTROL MEASURES

Staff Responsibilities

- Conduct pre-event site inspection.
- Ensure throwing lanes are securely erected.
- Inspect all axes and equipment before use.
- Deliver safety briefing before participation.
- Monitor participants continuously.
- Stop activity immediately if unsafe behaviour is observed.

Participant Rules

- Participants must be aged 8 years or older.
- Participants under 18 require parental or guardian consent.
- Participants aged 8–12 must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Closed-toe footwear is recommended.
- Participants must follow instructor instructions at all times.
- Intoxicated participants will not be permitted to take part.

Venue Requirements

- Adequate space for safe operation.
- Stable, level ground where possible.
- Clear access and emergency exit routes.
- Safe separation between activity area and spectators.

Emergency Procedures

- Activity stopped immediately if an unsafe situation develops.

- First aid administered where appropriate.
 - Emergency services contacted when required.
 - Incident details recorded and reviewed.
 - Equipment isolated if involved in an incident.
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INSURANCE

Bearpack Mobile Axe Throwing maintains appropriate Public Liability Insurance and takes all reasonable precautions to provide a safe activity environment.

REVIEW

This risk assessment shall be reviewed annually or immediately following:

- An accident or near miss.
 - Significant equipment changes.
 - Changes to operating procedures.
 - New legislation or guidance.
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