



# CATAPULTS SPECIFIC RISKS

Along with Overall General Activity Risks

## Group Run Activity

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Risk	Outcome if risk occurred	Existing Risk Control Actions	Residual Risk Assessment			Group Leader Required Risk Control Actions
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
<b>People Dangers</b>						
Lack of Supervision and Unqualified Instruction	Injury	Adult leader with experience in the activity (preferable but not essential) Best Group size: 12-16 participants Activity notes are provided prior to camp	2	4	M	Provide adequate supervision and leader for the activity Suitable First Aid Kit Give Activity Leader the Activity Notes and Risk Assessment so they can prepare prior to running the activity
Hit by a Ball/Elastic	Bruising abrasions	Catapult area is facing away from other activities Designated area for firing and procedures for collection of balls	2	3	L	Establish safe procedures as outlined in Activity Notes
Incorrect Lifting of poles	Back injury		2	3	L	Leader to ensure two people per pole when lifting them and correct lifting techniques.
Behavioural Issues • Don't follow the rules • Lack of control	Injury Disappearance	Activity notes provide suggested procedures and safety rules for running the activity.	2	2	L	Provide adequate supervision for the activity Outline safety procedures as outlined in the Activity notes before participation in the activity. Regular head count
Infectious Illnesses	Covid-19 Flu	Hand sanitiser provided at main building	2	3	M	Group leader to have participants sanitise their hands before leaving building prior to activity. Limit social contact if appropriate
<b>Equipment Dangers</b>						
Broken/Damaged Equipment	Injury	Regular checking and maintenance of equipment to keep it in good order	2	2	L	Correct instruction so equipment does not get damaged Group Leader to check the area around the activity prior to beginning to ensure there are no hazards that could cause injury to participants.
Rough timber/Sharp edges	Splinters, cuts	Regular checking and maintenance of equipment	2	1	VL	Check area prior to commencing activity Report any concerns to management
Ropes	Rope Burn		2	1	VL	Instruct in standing clear of catapult when firing and care taken when pulling on ropes to tie lashes

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