

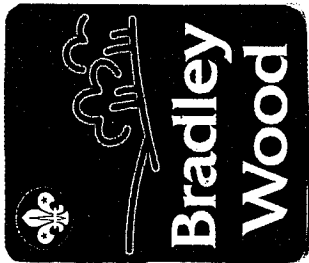
RIFLE RANGE

The safety procedures and risk assessment are based on the assumption that the participants in the activity are of average ability. Before commencing the activity the instructor will assess the group and will make any allowances necessary to cover such things as disability. The safety level must not be compromised, but steps will be taken to ensure that those less able can take a full enjoyable and active part in the activity.

Instructor	Instructor must be trained to standards laid down in POR 9.37 (FS120004) If any participating member is under 14 then the instructor must be at least 21
Ratio Instructor/Pupil	1:6
Protective Equipment	None
Restrictions	None. Other than, in the case of non scouts, their own association's regulations, i.e. the Guide association forbids shooting for rainbows and brownies.

The following rules will apply

- Where the group exceeds 6 persons then a further leader will assist to control those persons not actually shooting. If the group have no leader, then a member of staff will be designated to assist.
- The range conforms to the Associations standards "Air Weapons Shooting ~ FS120004."
- Persons under 18 must have the written permission of a person with parental responsibility
- All equipment will be checked by the instructor before use, faulty equipment will be withdrawn from use and labelled with the defect, and ultimately repaired or destroyed.
- Faulty equipment will be kept separate from good equipment and clearly labelled as defective
- Before handling any equipment users will be made familiar with safety procedures and safe handling
- Care will be taken at all times to avoid slips and trips in the natural environment of the woodland
- Care will be taken to prevent sunburn by the wearing of suitable headgear and clothing or by the use of sunscreen (in the case of minors this will be dependant on parents permission)
- At no times will rifles be pointed in any direction other than at the targets. The rifle must not be drawn above the level of the target or shot into the air
- Before shooting commences the area immediately around will be checked for non authorised personnel by the instructor
- Before shooting the instructor will be sure that all others present are behind the shooting line and only after he/she has given the instruction to start, will shooting commence.
- The fence around the shooting area will be checked monthly for integrity and the check logged.
- People awaiting their turn should sit on the benches provided.
- Do not commence shooting until all present are behind the firing line and the instruction to commence has been given by the instructor. Do not load a rifle until you are on the shooting line and facing the target.
- On no account should pellets be aimed into the air, they should always be aimed at the target.
- If you see any dangers whilst shooting shout 'STOP' to warn the others of the danger, then make the instructor aware of the danger.
- If you hear anyone shout 'STOP' you must stop shooting immediately
- Do not run or fool around on the shooting range.
- Those failing to follow the safety rules will be asked to leave the rifle range
- If you have a medical condition that may be aggravated by light exercise please make the instructor aware.
- On completion of the activity the equipment will be returned to the rifle store, where it will be checked back into store for numbers and good working condition. Broken equipment will be taken out of use and will be repaired or disposed of.
- If further groups are using the equipment it will be left under the control of the instructor.
- Pellets will be Diablo shaped and of soft metal such as lead and the guns not automatic
- Instruction will be given re avoiding possible crush injuries with the breech mechanism.
- Equipment will be stored in a safe locked area when not in use and supervised when in use
- If you do not understand any thing ASK!!



ACTIVITY RISK ASSESSMENT

RIFLE RANGE

RISK	PERSONS AT RISK			CONTROLS TAKEN TO MINIMISE RISKS
	Young persons	Visitors	Staff/leaders/Adults	
Injury to shoulder due to kick back	✓		✓	Training in correct technique and close supervision
Persons entering range hit by pellets		✓		Area is protected by fence to prevent walking on range
Trips and slips due to terrain	✓		✓	Clear range procedures and supervision
Failure of equipment causing cuts & traps etc	✓		✓	Care must be taken, fooling around discouraged
Sunburn	✓		✓	Careful procedures for checking of equipment
Persons hit by pellet	✓	✓	✓	Instructions giving to avoid problem
Minor injuries caused by fooling around (horseplay)	✓		✓	Rules forbid misaiming and fooling around. Supervision by qualified instructors
				Sufficient supervision will be present at all times
				Participants given clear instructions on behaviour any contravention the session will stop and the participant asked to leave
Deliberate injury caused by misuse of unspupervised equipment	✓	✓	✓	Storage is secure, equipment checked in and out
Crushed Fingers	✓			Participants given clear instructions & supervised.
				Instructions given on need to keep fingers away from breach mechanism
Unauthorised Use	✓	✓	✓	Equipment removed from area and securely stored