



Axe Throwing | Risk Assessment

Program: Full Axe-perience

Collaborative Team Event

Participants: Suitable for groups of 7 to 120 participants

Duration: 1 to 3 hours in duration

Location: Indoor at a Sweet Axe Venue

Facilitators: Facilitated by a team of Sweet Axe's trained Axe-perts

Introduction

Sweet Axe Throwing Co. (Sweet Axe) is committed to providing and maintaining a safe event experience for all participants. As such the Sweet Axe Risk Assessment is designed to enable all activities to be delivered safely and with all reasonable controls put in place to remove or reduce risks to the health, safety, and welfare of participants.

We have a culture of safety, all staff are briefed, trained & take responsibility in maintaining a safe environment. It's for this reason that we have an impeccable safety record. All permanent staff are put through LCQ (Licence Controller Qualification) & First Aid certifications. Staff actively participate in daily safety checks of the venue & report on near misses each week as well as a monthly H&S Meeting with all staff.

All customers receive a safety orientation when they enter our venue and go through one on one training with an axepert before they can handle an axe. From there we start with training, our axe-perts are present in close proximity to guests, providing constant feedback on technique and procedure to mitigate any potential risks.

Included below is our Risk Assessment Summary which aims to identify all foreseeable risks associated with the specific event outlined above, describe the potential consequences should the risk occur, assess the risk and impact, then identify the controls to manage or minimise the risk.

In the delivery of the event, Sweet Axe will apply the risk assessment protocols outlined, and provide a first aid & LCQ qualified instructor/s to guide your session. In addition all instructors and staff delivering the event will be briefed on the Risk Assessment Plan and the Sweet Axe Health & Safety Policy. You'll also find attached our Comprehensive Risk Assessment which is a living, breathing document we use to teach & develop our response plans.

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Sweet Axe Risk Assessment Summary- Full Axe-perience

Likelihood A = Almost Certain B = Likely C = Moderate D = Unlikely E = Rare	Impact 1= Insignificant 2 = Minor 3 = Moderate 4 = Major 5 = Catastrophic	Rating L = Low Risk M = Moderate Risk H = High Risk E = Extreme Risk
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No.	Risk	Consequence	Likelihood	Impact	Rating	Controls
1	Slip, Trip, or Fall	Injury	C	3	M	Instructors to check site for all or any potential hazards. Safety briefing to be delivered to participants at beginning of activity. Participants are briefed never to run in our venue, and tripping hazards are pointed out before the session begins. Practical footwear is available for loan to any guests who have not worn close-toed shoes.
2	Participant Collision	Injury	D	3	L	Instructors to deliver safety briefing to delegates prior to commencing activity. Facilitators to supervise delegate participation throughout the event.
3	Injury Using Equipment	Injury	D	3	L	Instructors to deliver safety briefing relevant to all equipment & the safety lanes prior to session starting. Facilitators to supervise use of equipment during activities throughout the event & intercept dangerous or reckless behaviour. Participants to wear close toed shoes, two guests actively throwing at the same time collecting at the same time, within our safety lanes under the supervision of our instructors. Instructor/s continuously provide feedback and adjustment to prevent injury.

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4	Medical Conditions / Allergies/ Prior Injury	Illness/Injury	D	4	H	<p>Event Director to ask client for any Medical Conditions/Allergies prior to event. Facilitators to check for any injuries medical conditions / allergies prior to start of activity.</p> <p>All facilitators are First Aid trained and briefed on where the nearest defibrillators are & how to respond to a medical emergency.</p> <p>Guests are asked for prior injuries, guests who have previously had a dislocation in the upper body joints are assessed differently, prevented from throwing with one arm, provided with a lighter axe, or asked to not participate altogether. This is assessed on a case by case basis, in consultation with the participant.</p>
5	Venue Specific Hazards	Injury	D	2	L	<p>Event Director to check venue hazard register prior to event.</p> <p>Instructor to brief participants of onsite hazards before beginning activity.</p>
6	Participant Non-Compliance	Injury	D	2	L	<p>Participants to sign waiver prior to the session, this clearly outlines behavioural expectations. Instructors to brief participants as to possible risks/consequences of non-compliance of activity instructions. Instructors supervise throughout the activity and intercept dangerous or reckless behaviour. Guests will not be permitted to continue with activity if they do not comply with instructions & our code of behaviour.</p>

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7	Intoxication	Injury	C	3	M	All permanent staff are LCQ certified and aware of how to assess sobriety, each premises has a breathalyser on-hand to confirm intoxication if required. The waiver our guests sign is a code of behaviour our guests sign on to, they are aware prior to their session that it is a sober activity.
8	Infectious Illness	Illness	D	2	M	<p>Participants will be asked to not attend if they are feeling unwell. Staff are not permitted to work if they have tested positive and will only return once they produce a negative test.</p> <p>We have recently upgraded our ventilation system to reduce the risk of illness spreading and we are Qualmark approved as COVID Safe, sanitising all high-touch and shared areas between every session.</p>
9	Natural Disaster & Fire	Injury/Illness	E	4-5	M	In the event of a weather emergency such as flooding we revert to the instructions provided by the Government. Safety is the number one priority, as such some weather events might require us to either evacuate the building and find safe means for everyone to get home or hold tight until it is safe to leave. In the event of an earthquake we drop, cover & hold, keeping away from the windows, guests can take cover under our sturdy lane benches. Our venue has recently been strengthened to over 80% EQS.

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Sweet Axe Throwing Co. - Safety Briefing Basics

1. Housekeeping & Pre-Session Check-

- Bathrooms - across from reception
- Drinks - ordered at the front or from the floating staff member
- No smoking or vaping inside - smoking permitted out front of building
- Only one exit -Emergency meeting point is the greek monument, please instruct guests to cross at the lights and not run across road.

DOUBLE CHECK THESE NEXT POINTS

- Everyone signed waivers
- No open toe shoes- gumboots otherwise
- No one is under the influence of drugs and alcohol. (don't ever accuse ppl)
- Ask the group about pre-existing injuries
- Check for clothing that might catch -Hoodies, loose clothing or overalls

2. Lane Safety

- Please follow the instructions of Axe-perts at all times
- Zero tolerance to aggressive or antisocial behaviour. Threatening behaviour will result in immediate expulsion from the venue, it is important to us that everyone feels safe in the venue at all times.
- Wear close-toed shoes
- Pick the axe up by the handle, do not ever touch the blade or any exposed metal on the axe
- If you drop the axe, DO NOT try and catch it!
- Collect axes from the rack and return it there, DO NOT PASS AXES
- Only 2 people in the lanes at a time. Throw together, COLLECT TOGETHER.
- Only throw under the supervision of an Axe-pert. If for any reason the axe-pert needs to leave the lane, axes go down and play is suspended until they return.
- Do not pass red foul line until all axes have stopped moving
- Never try to stop an axe in motion
- "Game of technique, not strength" DO NOT THROW AS HARD AS YOU CAN. The target is only 4m away and it is unnecessary and creates additional risk for the thrower, fellow players and for the staff.
- Be aware of tripping hazards when collecting the axes from the targets- (raised lip, loose wood in pit)
- Leaver axe out of target by pumping up and down slowly.
- Do not touch the target as it could result in a splinter
- Leave the target area facing forward, with the blade of the axe facing away.
- You are handling an axe, they are not toys, always take care
- If axe-pert says stop, STOP! This could mean that someone's about to move toward the target as the other person's about to throw.

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