

Air Rifles

Instruction sheet

Guidelines for Taking an Air Rifle Session:

Loading the Pellets

- Only adults are allowed to load the guns.
- Open the barrel by placing the stock of the gun into your hip, grasping the end of the barrel firmly and pulling it down until it clicks and becomes limp.
- With the gun in this position, load the gun by placing a pellet in the opening of the barrel with the 'skirt' end up. Pull the barrel back into its original position until it locks into place.
- Make sure the safety is on and place the gun in the tunnel.
- Do not reuse pellets.
- Do not recover dropped pellets.
- Do not load the guns until you are ready to fire.

Shooting

- Once the gun is loaded, instruct the student to step onto the platform and up to the barrel.
- The student must wear the safety goggles provided.
- Instruct them to hold the gun with one hand along the body of the gun and the other on the trigger hand-hold. The stock should sit in their shoulder socket.
- Instruct the student to sight the rifle onto the target, release the safety and gently squeeze the trigger.
- The guns are strictly to be fired ONLY in the tubes at all times

Please Note: Any firing of the air rifles other than on the air rifle range inside the tubes will result in that person being requested to leave Ferndale

Placing/Collecting Targets

- Before stepping in front of the platform, ensure all guns are lying inside the tunnels, unloaded, with the safety on. They must remain **untouched** while collecting targets.
- Make sure everyone is back behind the firing platform before loading.

Packing up

- When the session is over, please ensure that the last round has been fired and the barrel is completely empty.
- Ensure the air gun is no longer cocked and the safety catch is on.
- Put the guns away at the end of the session.



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Safety Catches



When the barrel of the gun is cocked the safety automatically comes on. To shoot the gun simply push the safety forwards. Please **DON'T** try to fire the gun with the safety on as this breaks the safety mechanism.

Important Safety Notes

- Anytime you handle an air gun, ensure the safety catch is '**ON**'.
- Always use the eye protection equipment provided.
- Air guns are not toys and are only to be used with adequate adult supervision.
- Never leave guns at the firing platform without adult supervision. Bring them back to the activities office during any break times.
- **NEVER** point an air gun at people or animals, even if it is not loaded.
- Keep your finger away from the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Only shoot when the gun is down the air rifle tunnel. Ensure no-one is near the targets.
- If a pellet becomes lodged inside the barrel, please take it to a staff member, **NEVER** attempt to clear stuck ammunition by firing another pellet through the gun.
- Do not touch your face or mouth after handling pellets; make sure you wash your hands after an air rifles session.
- Wash your hands with cold water after handling the pellets as they are lead.

