



RISK ASSESSMENT

Date of assessment:	Name of person completing assessment:
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Department/work area/task assessed:

Hazards identified	Potential harm or consequences	Level of risk			Risk controls	Person responsible for action	Date actions completed
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk priority			

Risk priority chart

Severity	Likelihood			
	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely
Fatal	1	1	2	3
Critical	1	1	2	3
Major	1	2	3	4
Minor	2	3	4	5
Negligible	3	4	5	6

The numbers 1 to 6 in the chart indicate the level of risk.

1 to 2 = High (take action immediately)

3 to 4 = Medium (take action as soon as possible)

5 to 6 = Low (may not need to take action)

Step 1: Determine how likely it is that someone may be exposed to the hazard and the probability that an incident or injury will occur.

Step 2: Determine how severe a potential injury or illness could be.

Step 3: Using a risk priority chart, match the severity and likelihood of exposure to determine the hazard's overall risk level.