

Risk Assessment Guideline

Evaluation of risk is based on a “Low, Medium or High” assessment using the procedure as laid out in health & safety risk assessment legislation. Extract from Guidance Notes shows matrix criteria used for evaluation in this event’s risk assessment

Risk Value

There are a number of options when applying a value to your risk assessment the simplest is qualitatively rather than quantitatively. However even qualitatively an understanding as to the parameters being used is still required so when applying a simple ‘Low, Medium or High’, use the following consideration :-

Severity of Harm	Major	Medium	High	Intolerable
	Serious	Low	Medium	High
	Slight	Low	Low	Medium
		Infrequently	Frequently	Almost Certainly
		Likelihood of Occurrence		

Severity of Harm

- * **Major** – e.g. death or major injury, incapacitating ill health or dangerous occurrence but also include incident that may have excessively affect on the business, and costly environmental clean-up.
- * **Serious** – e.g. injuries or health problems that keep people off work, or adversely affect local fauna and flora.
- * **Slight** – lesser injuries or ill health than those noted above or temporary affecting the environment.

Likelihood of Occurrence

- * **Infrequently** – rare or low chance of harm occurring.
- * **Frequently** – likely that harm will result.
- * **Almost Certainly** – that harm will occur, or where large numbers of people are exposed to potential harm.

Outcomes

- * **Low** - Risks insignificant or adequately controlled.
- * **Medium** - Risks in need of additional controls or controls currently in place need updating.
- * **High** - Risks unacceptable in need of urgent control measures.
- * **Intolerable** - Work must be stopped until alternative method can be applied.

Organisations will be required to assess each and every area of the event using the above guidelines.