

Hazard Risk Assessment Matrix⁸⁴

		Consequences				
		Insignificant (Minor First Aid treatment)	Minor (Medical treatment, no additional resources or treatment required)	Moderate (Medical treatment required but serious harm unlikely)	Major (Serious harm injuries e.g. fracture, concussion, bleeding)	Catastrophic (Death)
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5
Rare (Will only happen in exceptional circumstances)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Unlikely (Could happen but rarely)	2	3	4	5	6	7
Possible (Chances are that it could happen)	3	4	5	6	7	8
Likely (Will probably happen at some time)	4	5	6	7	8	9
Almost Certain (Will happen in most circumstances)	5	6	7	8	9	10

Risk Evaluation

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Low

It is most unlikely that harm would arise under controlled conditions and even if exposure occurred, the injury would be relatively slight.

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Medium

Significant Hazard—more likely that harm might actually occur and outcome could be more serious (e.g. time off work or a minor physical injury).

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High

Significant Hazard—could cause serious harm or even fatality: unacceptable risk.