

Risk Assessment Matrix

Severity	Likelihood of something happening			
	Very likely Could happen at any time	Likely Could happen some time	Unlikely Could happen, but rarely	Very unlikely Could happen but probably never will
Kill or cause permanent disability or ill health	1	1	2	3
Long term illness or serious injury	1	2	3	4
Medical attention and several days off work	2	3	4	5
First aid needed	3	4	5	6

If a particular process, substance, plant item or an aspect of the premises is rated with a hazard level of **1** : **you must do something immediately**

If the risk is **6** : you should do something more when possible