



HCE Risk Assessment Part One

Risk Assessors can either use the quantitative method (numerical) or qualitative (L, M, or H).

Risk level = Severity x Likelihood

		Severity		
		Slight L(1)	Serious M (2)	Major H (3)
Seldom	L (1)	L	L	M
Occasionally	M (2)	L	M	H
Frequently	H (3)	M	H	H

Risk Level = (1-2)L-Low (3-4) M-Medium (6-9) H-High

Risk Level	Action & Timescale
Trivial 1	No action is required to deal with trivial risks, and no documentary records need be kept (insignificant risk).
Nominal 2	No further preventative action is necessary. Monitoring is required to ensure that the controls are maintained.
Moderate 3 4	Efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Awareness of the risk reduction measures should be reinforced.
Substantial 6	Work should not be started until the risk has been reduced. Control measures must be put in place.
Intolerable 9+	Work should not be started or continued until the risk level has been reduced. The control measure risk must be absolute. This means that if it is not possible to reduce the risk, then the work must not be started or must remain prohibited.