



**Risk Matrix**

	2. How likely is it that someone will be harmed?			
1. How severely could it hurt someone or how ill could it make someone?	very likely Could happen any time	likely Could happen some time	unlikely could happen, but very rarely	very unlikely Could happen, but probably never will
Kill or cause permanent disability or death	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Long term illness or serious injury	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Medical attention and several days off work	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
First aid needed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>The numbers can help to show you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How severe the risk is;</li> <li>• Whether any existing control measures are effective;</li> <li>• What action you should take to control the risk; and</li> <li>• How urgently the action needs to be taken.</li> </ul> <p><b>The most severe risks are rated 1. These risks must be controlled immediately.</b></p> <p><b>The least severe risks are rated 6. These risks should also be controlled but it is less urgent.</b></p>				