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# What is Risk Assessment?

There are five components to consider once you have identified a risk.

## 1. What is the type of risk?



Human



Equipment



Environment

### 2. How likely is this to occur?

Likelihood	Description	
Almost Certain	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances.	
Likely	The event will probably occur in most circumstances.	Help
Possible	The event might (or could) occur at some time.	

Likelihood	Description
Unlikely	The event will probably not occur. This is generally a once in a few years occurance.
Rare	The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances. This may not have happened in 10 or more years.

## 3. What is the consequence if this occurs?

Likelihood	Description
Insignificant	A risk event that would result in very superficial injuries or insignificant loss with no impairment to the organisation.
Minor	A risk event that would result in minor injury or illness to personnel under the control of Scouts Australia requiring medical treatment. Minor asset or equipment loss.
Moderate	If the risk event occurred, it would result in injury or illness to personnel under the control of Scouts Australia requiring medical treatment for a period of time. Moderate asset loss under \$500k.
Major	If the risk event occurred, it would result in a permament disabilty to personnel. Hospitalisation of multiple personnel where injuries will impact them for a significant period of time. Significant asset loss under \$1 million.
Severe	If the risk event occurred, it would result in the death and/or permanent disability of personnel where Scouts Australia or its Branches are found to be primarily responsible. Significant asset or equipment loss of \$1 million or greater.

## 4. What is the risk rating of the identified risk?

Likelihood	Description				•	
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	
Almost Certain	Low	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme	
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Extreme	

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Likelihood	Description				•	
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High	
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	

### 5. Consider different ways to reduce this risk.



#### Avoid

Change plans / activites to get rid of the problem.



#### Reduce

Reduce threat impact or likelihood (or both) through intermediate steps that can be made e.g. PPE, activity briefings, experience personnel etc.



### Accept

Where the risk rating is low-moderate, we may be able to accept the chance of the negative impact - we 'assume' all will be ok.

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#### Transfer

Outsource risk (or a portion of the risk) to a third party or parties that can manage the outcome.

Once you have considered these components with your risks you will need to note down how you are going to reduce these risks specific to your activity in the risk mitigation/control column.

Now let's get started by filling up the Scouts Australia Youth Program Risk Identification Template.

Youth Program Risk Identification Table

Make sure to download the filled Youth Member Risk Identification Table and attach it as a supporting document in the activity plan.