Key to risk ratings

Likelihood (L)	Guide Description	
5	Very likely/imminent - certain to happen	
4	Probable - a strong possibility of it happening	
3	Possible - it may have happened before	
2	Unlikely - could happen but unusual	
1	Rare - highly unlikely to occur	

Severity (S)	Guide Description	
5	Catastrophic - fatality, catastrophic damage	
4	Major - significant injury or property damage, hospitalisation	
3	Moderate - injury requiring further treatment, lost time	
2	Minor - first aid injury, no lost time	
1	Very minor - insignificant injury	

Severity (S)

Likelihood (L)

	1	2	3	4	5
5	5	10	15	20	25
4	4	8	12	16	20
3	3	6	9	12	15
2	2	4	6	8	10
1	1	2	3	4	5

Risk Rating (RR)	Action
High Risk	Stop the task/activity until controls can be put into place to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
Medium Risk	Determine if further safety precautions are required to reduce risk to as low as is reasonable practicable.
Low Risk	No further action, keep under review.