

Risk Priority Chart

LIKELIHOOD: How likely is it that it will occur?	CONSEQUENCES: How severely could it hurt someone?			
	EXTREME (Death, permanent disablement)	MAJOR (Serious bodily injury)	MODERATE (Casualty treatment)	MINOR (First aid only, no lost time)
VERY LIKELY (Could happen frequently)	1	1	2	3
LIKELY (Could happen occasionally)	1	2	3	4
UNLIKELY (Could happen, but rare)	2	3	4	5
VERY UNLIKELY (Could happen, probably never will)	3	4	5	6

This stage of the risk assessment is a way of ranking risks in terms of their priorities. The risk scores obtained have no absolute value. This chart ONLY ranks the risks. The scores (1-7) in the risk priority chart indicate how important it is to do something about each risk, as follows:

Score	Action
1 or 2	Do something about these risks immediately
3 or 4	Do something about these risks as soon as possible
5 or 6	These risks may not need immediate attention

Use the ratings for each risk to develop a prioritised list of workplace risks requiring action.