

Risk Matrix

Consequence Level	Likelihood Level					
		1 - Rare	2 - Unlikely	3 - Possible	4 - Likely	5 - Almost Certain
	5 - Catastrophic	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
	4 - Critical	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	3 - Major	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	2 - Moderate	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	1 - Minor	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
HIGH	Considerable potential for fatalities, serious injuries and loss of equipment. Significant rescue response may be required. Likely to be a WorkSafe NZ notifiable event.
MEDIUM	Moderate potential for serious harm injuries requiring hospitalisation. Moderate emergency or rescue response. Could be a WorkSafe NZ notifiable event.
LOW	Minimal potential for injuries.

Consequence Level	DESCRIPTION
5 - Catastrophic	One or more fatalities
4 - Critical	Serious injury to one or more people, resulting in permanent disability.
3 - Major	Injury that requires hospitalisation with no permanent disability.
2 - Moderate	Injury that requires first aid with no permanent disability.
1 - Minor	No injury or very minor that does not require first aid.

Likelihood Level	DESCRIPTION
5 - Almost Certain	Expected to occur at least once during the task or activity.

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4 - Likely	Could occur during the task or activity.
3 - Possible	It is conceivable that this could happen, but only expected infrequently.
2 - Unlikely	It is conceivable that this could happen, although only in unusual circumstances
1 - Rare	It is not conceivable that this could occur.