

Setting Hazard Priorities

RISK PRIORITY CHART				
SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD			
	VERY LIKELY – Could happen at any time	LIKELY – Could happen sometime	UNLIKELY – Could happen but very rarely	VERY UNLIKELY – Could happen but probably never will
EXTREME – Kill or cause permanent disability	1	1	2	3
MAJOR – Long term illness or serious injury	1	2	3	4
MODERATE – Medical attention and lost time	2	3	4	5
MINOR – First Aid only, no lost time.	3	4	5	6

The numbers in the above chart indicate how important it is to do something about each risk.

Priority	Ranking on Chart	Action	Recommended Time Lines
1	1 or 2	Do something about these risks immediately	Immediately to maximum 1 week
2	3 or 4	Do something about these risks as soon as possible	1 week to 2 months
3	5 or 6	Correct as time and resources permit attention	1 month or longer