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Risk Assessment

A risk assessment helps you identify the hazards that exist in your workplace, and how they may put you and your workers at risk. A number of required health and safety processes are forms of risk assessment, such as workplace inspections and investigations. To determine if you've done enough to protect yourself, it helps to use a rating system as part of your risk assessment.

When to Do a Risk Assessment

Risk assessments are a proactive process designed to ensure workers are protected. As a best practice, a full-site risk assessment will help you plan for better worker protection. If you have multiple work locations, be sure to do a risk assessment for each workplace as the hazards and the risks they pose, may be different from place to place.

When completing a risk assessment, you will:

- Identify the hazards
- Identify the risks each hazard may pose
- Identify who could be harmed when working around each hazard
- Determine a level of risk (high, medium, low) to decide which hazard must be dealt with first
- Decide your hazard controls to help reduce or eliminate each risk
- Implement your hazard controls

After you've completed your risk assessments, be sure to review them regularly to ensure they are accurate for your specific needs. Risk assessments should be reviewed whenever you introduce new equipment, materials, or work processes. At a minimum, make sure you update your risk assessments annually.

A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork. Instead, it's about understanding how your workers may be harmed and identifying reasonable measures to control those risks in your workplace. Your risk assessment will help determine whether you've covered everything.

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Take Home Point:

Risk assessments help you identify workplace hazards that could pose a threat. The goal is to identify the hazards, know who/how others could be harmed, and prevent the hazards with control methods. Risk assessments should be reviewed and adjusted as workplaces change or new hazards are introduced.

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Safety Leader: _____

Crew Members:

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