

Risk Characterization Chart

Likelihood	Potential Consequences					
		Not Significant	Requires Medical	Requiring Hospital Admission	Permanent Injury/Chronic Illness	Fatality
		Not Significant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe
Almost Certain	Medium	High	Very High Risk	Very High Risk	Very High Risk	
Likely	Medium	High	High	Very High Risk	Very High Risk	
Probable	Low	Low	High	High	Very High Risk	
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Med	

Acceptable Risk:

- BSL 2 - Low to Medium
- BSL 3 – Low to Medium
- *Mitigation is required if risk falls out of the acceptable range.
- *At the time an incident occurs, a new risk assessment is required.

Frequency of occurrence:

- Unlikely (once every 2-3 years)
- Occasional (once per year)
- Probable (once per month)
- Frequent (once a week)