



Guidance - G1027 Workplace Risk Assessment

Purpose – This guidance is to be used by competent assessors when undertaking a London Underground Workplace Risk Assessment.

Scope – This guidance note contains the information for completing London Underground Workplace Risk Assessments.

LIKELIHOOD – If an individual carried out the activity being assessed at the usual frequency you might expect the individual to be harmed on average			
1	less frequent than every 10 years	9	every six months
5	every ten years	10	every month
6	every three years	12	every week
8	every year	13	every day

SEVERITY - What is the most likely level of injury?	
4 – Minor	- prolonged discomfort - minor ill health - minor illnesses (e.g. temporary eye or back strain) - any other injury / illness leading to less than three days off work
8 – Moderate	- strains and sprains - severe scratches, cuts and abrasions - severe bruising - fracture of digits (fingers and toes) - minor burn - loss of sight or hearing (temporary) - any other injury / illness leading to between 3 days and a month off work
11 – Major	- fractures (hand, wrist, ankle, etc.) - unconsciousness - major burn - amputation of digits(fingers and toes) - any other injury / illness leading to between a month and a year off work
14 – Severe	- fracture of major bone or skull - loss of limb or eye - loss of sight or hearing (permanent) - acute illnesses requiring medical treatment - unconsciousness where the person has to be resuscitated - any other injury / illness leading to more than a year off work
15 – Fatal	fatality

RISK SCORING MATRIX Risk should be scored for the most exposed group of staff e.g. grade or shift	LIKELIHOOD							
	Less frequent than every 10 years	Every 10 Years	Every 3 Years	Every Year	Every 6 Months	Every Month	Every Week	Every Day
	1	5	6	8	9	10	12	13
SEVERITY	Fatal 15	MEDIUM 16	HIGH 20	HIGH 21	HIGH 23	HIGH 24	HIGH 25	HIGH 27
	Severe 14	MEDIUM 15	HIGH 19	HIGH 20	HIGH 22	HIGH 23	HIGH 24	HIGH 26
	Major 11	LOW 12	MEDIUM 16	MEDIUM 17	HIGH 19	HIGH 20	HIGH 21	HIGH 23
	Moderate 8	LOW 9	LOW 13	LOW 14	MEDIUM 16	MEDIUM 17	MEDIUM 18	HIGH 20
	Minor 4	LOW 5	LOW 9	LOW 10	LOW 12	LOW 13	LOW 14	MEDIUM 16

Persons particularly at risk (not grade)			
1	Fire wardens	4	Persons in training
2	First aiders	5	Persons working alone (except Trains)
3	Member of trauma support group	6	Apprentices (under 18)

Who / What else affected			
1	Contractors / Visitors	7	Network Rail infrastructure
2	Emergency services	8	Non-travelling members of the public
3	Environment	9	Property damage (major)
4	Infrastructure	10	Property damage (minor)
5	Invited guests	11	Revenue loss
6	Neighbours	12	Service loss (major)
		13	Service loss (minor)
		14	Train Operating Companies (TOCs)
		15	Tenants

Topic specific assessments required			
A	Asbestos	E	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
B	Display Screen Equipment	F	Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE)
C	Hand – Arm Vibration	G	Substances Hazardous to Health
D	Lead	H	Substances Hazardous to Health (Biological)
E	Live working	I	Substances Hazardous to Health (Chemical)
F	Manual handling	J	Substances Hazardous to Health (Dust)
G	New and expectant mothers	K	Whole Body Vibration
H	Noise	L	Young Workers

Hierarchy of controls to consider when reducing risks to ALARP:

- Eliminate – removing the hazard or replacing it with something less harmful
- Reduce the hazard or reduce exposure to the hazard
- Isolate the hazard
- Controls – e.g. safe systems of work, procedures, training
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Discipline

Hazards

1. Slips / Trips / Falls
a - uneven / slippery surfaces or obstructed surfaces b - working at heights (Fall from height) c - moving between levels (e.g. stairs & escalators) d - slips / trips / falls on same level
2. Falling object
a - struck by falling load / equipment / tools / poorly stacked materials b - from a structural failure
3. Machinery / Equipment / Hand Tools
a - contact with machinery or moving parts b - exposure to extreme temperatures / hot and cold surfaces c - struck / crushed / trapped by machinery / equipment d - ejected materials e - entanglement / drawn in f - friction / abrasion g - cutting (inc sharp edges) h - shearing i - stabbing / puncturing j - air or high pressure fluid injection e.g. hydraulics k - pressure vacuum l - defective tools / safety devices m - misuse of tools n - person collision with stationary object e.g. hitting head, scratching arm o - aberrant movement (Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines) p - stored energy q – uncontrolled movement
4. Vehicles
a - struck by motorised vehicle b - collision between motorised vehicles c - collision with stationary object d - collision with person (e.g. on roads, pavements, car parks, worksites) e - mechanical breakdown f - shedding of load g - toppling over h - falling from vehicle (moving or stationary) i - mechanical handling j - people / vehicle interface (on site) k - uncontrolled movement l - trapped / crushed in / or between
5. On Track vehicles
a - struck by train b - train collision / derailment c - falling from vehicle (moving or stationary)
6. Electricity
a - contact with low voltage (< 240v) (working with / near low voltage) b - contact with high voltage (>240v) (working with / near high voltage) c - exposure to arcing d - interruption of supply e - defective portable tools & equipment f - electrical testing live / dead / static g - electricity or electrical discharges h - electricity working dead / near other electricity i - electricity working live / near other electricity j - loss of integrity of cables
7. Fire / Explosion
a - compressed air b - ignition of accumulated material e.g. waste c - ignition of electrical equipment d - ignition of combustible materials / solvents / fuels / cylinders e - ignition of flammable structure f - ignition of flammable materials (e.g. gases, liquids, explosion) g - ignition of clothing (e.g. contaminated with oil / grease / solvents)

8. Deliberate acts
a - terrorism b - vandalism / arson c - antisocial behaviour d – theft
9. Health Hazard (Biological)
a - contact with contaminated body fluids / syringes / sharps (Viruses such as Hepatitis / HIV) b – contact with contaminated material / water (Bacteria such as Legionella, Leptospirosis) c – contact with animal products (e.g. feathers, excrement, anthrax) d - exposure to fungus e.g. mould
10. Health Hazard (Chemical)
a - exposure to toxic / corrosive / irritant substance b - exposure to asbestos / asbestos containing material c - exposure to dust / smoke / fumes (e.g. carbon monoxide) d - exposure to lead
11. Health Hazard (Physical)
a - exposure to hot / cold environment (e.g. in extreme weather conditions / working environment) b – inadequate ventilation / draughts c – exposure to noise d – exposure to radiation (e.g. infra-red / ultra violet / microwave / ionising / non-ionising) e – exposure to whole body vibration f – exposure to hand arm vibration g – fatigue h – overcrowding l – exposure to hot / cold humidity (e.g. in extreme weather conditions / working environment) j – voice strain / sore throats / voice loss (e.g. call centre workers) k - artificial optical l – exposure to scalding water
12. Ergonomics / task design
a - working with display screen equipment at work b - manual handling (e.g. lifting / twisting / pushing / pulling) c - undertaking repetitive tasks (leading to upper limb disorder) d - cramped / awkward / unstable / sustained position e - inadequate lighting f - exposure to light glare e.g. flash photography g - working with display screen equipment at home h - making mistakes / errors i - working with tablet devices
13. Trauma
a - exposure to verbal violence b - exposure to physical violence c - involvement in accident / incident d - witnessing traumatic event
14. Psychological stress
a - job demands b - job / organisation uncertainties c - interpersonal difficulties d - time constraints
15. Collapse
a - collapse of ground b - collapse of equipment (e.g. scaffolding, racking) c - collapse of excavation
16. Confined Spaces
a - flammable / explosive atmosphere b - oxygen deficiency (asphyxiation) c - oxygen enrichment d - toxic atmosphere e - trapping f - excavations g - exposure to extreme environment
17. Other
a - any other specific hazard