

## Evaluating the Risk

### Severity factors

	Likely severity of injury
1	Minor cut or bruise
2	Serious bruising, abrasions, broken finger
3	Fracture, hospitalisation, > 3 day absence
4	Permanent disability
5	Fatality

### Likelihood factors

	Likelihood – how likely is an injury
1	Extremely unlikely e.g. struck by lightning
2	Possible e.g. once in 10 years
3	Occasional e.g. once a year
4	Frequent e.g. once per week
5	Very frequent – more than once per week

**Risk = Hazard factor x Likelihood factor.**

A score of 10 or above is high risk; you must take action to reduce risk by introducing control measures.