

Unit 40: Principles of Risk Assessment in the Workplace

Level:	2
Unit type:	Optional (General)
Credit value:	1
Guided learning hours:	10

Unit summary

This unit aims to give learners knowledge and understanding of the principles of risk assessment, and why it is important in maintaining and improving standards of health and safety in the workplace.

Unit assessment requirements

Assessment tasks and activities must enable learners to produce valid, sufficient, authentic and appropriate evidence that relates directly to the learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the unit. Suitable forms of evidence for this unit include:

- written tasks such as reports, articles for journals, newsletters, leaflets, posters
- workbooks, work logbooks or learner diaries
- written or oral presentations
- projects
- oral question and answer

Observation records should not be used as the primary evidence of achievement for this unit, but can be used to supplement the more appropriate forms of evidence listed above or to provide sector contextualisation or evidence of how the learner has applied knowledge within their job role.

When devising the assessment activities, centres need to look closely at the verb used in each assessment criterion to ensure that learners can provide evidence with sufficient breadth and depth to meet the requirements. Centres need to produce assessment briefs for learners with clear instructions of what they are required to do.

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

To pass this unit, learners need to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria outline the requirements that the learner is expected to meet to achieve the learning outcomes and the unit.

Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria		Evidence type	Portfolio reference	Date
1	Understand the necessity of risk assessments in the workplace	1.1	Define the following terms in relation to risk assessment and health and safety in the workplace: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accident• near miss• accident triangle• hazard• risk• risk assessment• risk control hierarchy• suitable and sufficient• competence			
		1.2	State the main cause of work-related fatalities, injuries, and ill health			

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		1.3	State the moral, legal and economic reasons for preventing accidents and ill health in the workplace			
		1.4	State ways in which risk assessment can prevent accidents and ill health			
2	Understand the principles of risk assessment	2.1	State the legal requirements for risk assessment			
		2.2	Describe a simple risk assessment process, referring to examples			
		2.3	State factors that can affect the level of risk from hazards in the workplace, referring to examples			
		2.4	Describe the stages in a process used to prioritise risks			
		2.5	State the requirements for recording risk assessments			

Learner name: _____

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Date: _____

Assessor signature: _____

Date: _____

Internal verifier signature: _____

Date: _____

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