

Answers to module 7: final learning assessment

1. Health and safety law prohibits risky activities such as playing conkers.
False: no it doesn't! Nothing is actually prohibited in law
2. It's not my role to do risk assessments; it's the safety officer's.
False: everyone has a role with risk assessment: if you are the expert it is YOUR job.
3. The safety committee will enforce and uphold safety rules.
False: it's the supervisor or line manager who enforces and upholds safety rules
4. I am extremely busy and have a large workload; I should consider this when I do my experimental protocol.
True: you should consider your workload: it is part of the risk assessment process
5. I've just noticed that the lab fridges haven't had an electrical safety test for more than a year: that means I have to stop using them.
False: the electrical equipment should be maintained regularly but that is defined by a risk assessment
6. I don't need to wear protective clothing when I just pop into the lab: I won't touch anything.
False: if the risk assessment says you must wear it in the lab, then wear it you must.
7. Maria, the lab technician is pregnant: the existing COSHH assessment covers this.
False: a special risk assessment is needed

