

Glossary of terms and acronyms

1. **Hazard** - The potential to cause harm, including ill health and injury; damage to property, plant, products or the environment, production losses or increased liabilities.
2. **Risk** - The level of risk of a specific event is determined from a combination of the likelihood of occurrence and the severity of the consequences
3. **Likelihood** - **Certain**: it will happen again soon;
Likely: it will reoccur, but not as an everyday event;
Possible: it may occur from time to time;
Unlikely: it is not expected to happen again in the foreseeable future;
Rare: so unlikely that it is not expected to happen again.
4. **Accident** - An unplanned event that has led to a negative outcome.
5. **Near-miss / Incident & dangerous occurrence** - An unplanned event where the loss of control has led to 'undesirable circumstances'; whilst not causing harm, it has the potential to cause injury or ill health.
6. **Minor injury** - All injuries where the injured person is 'unfit' for less than seven days.
7. **Emergency** - An event that needs internal or external intervention to regain control.