**An example of a risk assessment matrix**

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|  |  | **SEVERITY** | | | |
| **LIKELIHOOD** | **TRIVIAL**  Little to no effect on event / activity or person involved, e.g., bumps / bruises | **MINOR**  To include first aid being required, to one day lost time | **MODERATE**  Sprains / strains / referral to clinician, 1 – 6 days lost time etc | **INTOLERABLE**  Major injury including 7 days off work, and / or disastrous results to event or activity / life changing injury or death |
| **IMPROBABLE**  Unlikely to occur | **LOW** | **LOW** | **MEDIUM** | **HIGH** |
| **POSSIBLE**  Likely to occur | **LOW** | **MEDIUM** | **HIGH** | **HIGH** |
| **PROBABLE**  Risk will occur | **MEDIUM** | **MEDIUM** | **HIGH** | **HIGH** |

**Risk Rating Key and required actions:**

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| **LOW –**  Acceptable and OK to proceed | **MEDIUM –**  Take further action to reduce risk if this can be done cost effectively, **and** the benefits will outweigh the risk(s). Otherwise risk can be tolerated **if** existing precautions are maintained and managed. | **HIGH –**  **Intolerable – do not proceed -**  **requires further action to reduce risk to a tolerable level: seek support.** |