

# Risk Assessment

## Practical approaches to COVID-19 Risk Assessments

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| <p><b>Identify the hazard</b></p>        | <p>The hazard is a COVID-19 infection. This is a biological hazard.</p> <p>Some of the ways in which this hazard can be controlled are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wearing a face mask</li> <li>Washing hands frequently</li> <li>Avoiding close contact with others</li> <li>Staying at home if you are unwell</li> <li>Following local health advice</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Identify who can be harmed</b></p> | <p>The hazard can harm people who are in close contact with an infected person. This includes family members, friends, and colleagues.</p> <p>People who are most at risk of being harmed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who are in close contact with an infected person</li> <li>People who are in high-risk settings (e.g. care homes, hospitals)</li> <li>People who have underlying health conditions</li> <li>People who are over 65 years old</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Decide the level of risk (with control measures)</b></p>          | <p>To assess the level of risk, consider the following factors: the nature of the activity, the number of people involved, the duration of the activity, the location of the activity, and the potential for transmission.</p> <p>Use the risk assessment tool to determine the level of risk. If the risk is high, you should consider additional control measures to reduce the risk to a lower level.</p> <p>A risk assessment for COVID-19 should be conducted for all activities, including those that are considered low risk.</p> |
| <p><b>Review existing measures that may need to be strengthened</b></p> | <p>Consider existing measures that are in place and whether they are sufficient to manage the risk. Review the effectiveness of these measures and consider any gaps that need to be addressed.</p> <p>Consider the following measures: physical distancing, wearing face masks, hand hygiene, and avoiding close contact with others.</p>   |
| <p><b>Keep your workforce and people informed</b></p>                   | <p>Make sure that all staff and visitors are aware of the current risk level and the measures that are in place to manage the risk.</p> <p>Keep staff and visitors informed of any changes to the risk level or the measures that are in place. Use a variety of communication methods, including email, posters, and verbal communication.</p>  |
| <p><b>Stay up to date with guidance</b></p>                             | <p>Guidance on risk management for COVID-19 is constantly evolving. Stay up to date with the latest guidance from the relevant authorities.</p> <p>Make sure that all staff and visitors are aware of the latest guidance and the measures that are in place to manage the risk.</p>   |
| <p><b>Keep a record</b></p>   | <p>Keep a record of the risk assessment and the measures that are in place to manage the risk. This record should be reviewed regularly to ensure that the measures are still effective.</p> <p>Keep a record of any changes to the risk level or the measures that are in place. This record should be used to inform future risk assessments.</p>  |

## Different types of COVID-19 Risk Assessments

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many organizations have created their own risk assessment frameworks to manage the risks of COVID-19.

The following are some of the risk assessment frameworks that have been used to manage the risks of COVID-19 and their respective strengths.

One of the most common frameworks used is the **Swire Car's Facb Group**. It is a risk assessment framework that is based on the **Facb Group** model. It is a risk assessment framework that is based on the **Facb Group** model.

