



Food Manufacture

# Health and Safety, COSHH and Fire Awareness

## Lesson 3

This course is suitable for everyone working in food manufacture or wanting to work in the industry, it explains the important subjects of health and safety, COSHH and fire awareness

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Risk assessments are completed by management to identify hazards and risk factors which could lead to accidents. The risks are examined and evaluated.





**A hazard is  
something that  
has the potential  
to cause harm  
e.g., using  
chemicals at  
work.**



A risk is the likelihood that the hazard will cause harm e.g. cleaning chemicals are likely to cause chemical burns if gloves are not worn.







**A risk assessment is performed to identify measures which will protect the health and safety of people.**

This could be done by:

- Risk prevention
- Providing information
- Providing training
- Establish any actions required



An appropriately trained manager is responsible for carrying out risk assessments on all working activities in the factory and anything that has the potential to cause harm. People who are at risk should be identified and all risks should be controlled.





The risk assessors will make sure all documentation relating to the risk assessments are completed correctly and kept for legal purposes.





**Information  
relating to risk  
assessments is  
provided to all  
the relevant  
people.**





Risk assessments should be reviewed and audited every year. If there are any accidents or changes made to the business then they will be reviewed sooner.





Risk assessments  
cover:

- All employees
- Customers
- Agency staff
- Visitors
- Contractors
- The public





# **There are five steps to a risk assessment:**

1. Identify the hazards
2. Identify who is at risk from the hazard and how
3. Evaluate the risk by asking if there are existing precautions in place and are they enough. What else can be done to cut down the risk and by who
4. All risk assessment finding should be recorded
5. Review risk assessments where necessary



# Revision Activity 3

**Name two types of  
people risk assessments  
cover?**