

## COMPLETING A RISK ASSESSMENT - TEMPORARY VENUE

The following document details the process for completing a Risk Assessment on a temporary venue, whether it be for a race, hill-climb, autocross or street sprint event.

### Review:

1. Read through the draft venue plan and safety documents ensuring that the key features are noted such as
  - Start / Finish
  - Pits
  - Spectator areas and controls
  - Marshall points
  - First Aid
  - Security (internal and external)
2. Walk the track and every 10m or so consider *“what would happen if the driver lost control”* noting the hazards and threats in the vicinity. If you identify a hazard and threat, note its location from a clear benchmark, e.g. how many metres from the start line.
  - a. Consider the speed and path of the vehicle, particularly on corners, e.g. if the vehicle overshoots, where will it go?
  - b. Use the risk table at the end of this document to help calculate the risk. See the following notes to help complete this risk table

**Note 1: Hazard:** Identify the hazards present note its location and description, e.g. Transformer 30 mts past S/F line. Consider things such as spectator areas, ditches, drains, fences, signs, parked vehicles, letter boxes, transformers, buildings, gates, poles, other roads etc.

**Note 2: Threat:** Identify the things that could go wrong, in other words the action that turn the hazards into threats, e.g. Driver loses control and strikes power pole; Brakes fail and vehicle hits fence; Spectator ventures onto road and struck by vehicle.

**Note 3: Likelihood:** Rate the likelihood of the incident occurring

**Rare:** 5% has never happened before or only once to twice at street circuits over the last 30 years

**Unlikely:** 5-25% has happened once or twice in these types of permitted events across the country over the last 10 years

**Possible:** 25-60% has happened several times at street sprints but never at this event

**Likely:** 60-80% has happened once or twice before at this event

**Almost certain:** 80-100% typically occurs at most events

**Note 4: Severity:** Rate the possible consequence of the incident:

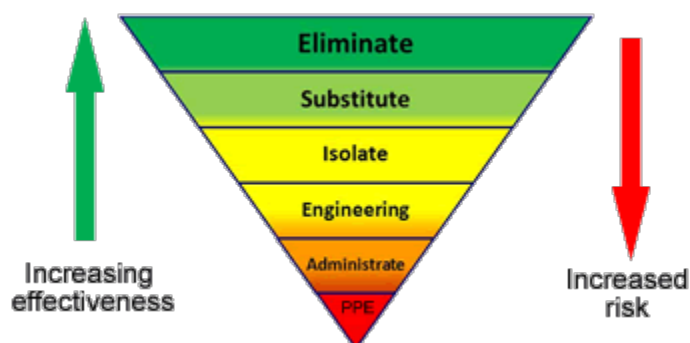
- Near miss (NM)
- First Aid (FA)
- Medical Treatment (MT) requires ambulance but could continue to work
- Loss Time Injury (LTI)
- Severe (S) fatal or permanent disability

**Note 5: Inherent risk:** Considering the consequence and the likelihood of an incident, classify the inherent risk using the Risk Matrix below:

Risk Matrix		Likelihood				
<small>N.B. For more details regarding use of this matrix / definitions refer to final page of this document</small>		Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost Certain
<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Severe</b> <i>Eg. Potential Fatality or Injury or Illness with permanent disability</i>	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
	<b>Major</b> <i>Eg. Potential Lost Time Injury (but non-permanent disability)</i>	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
	<b>Moderate</b> <i>Eg. Potential Medical Treatment injury or illness (but no lost time)</i>	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	<b>Minor</b> <i>Eg. Potential First Aid injury</i>	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	<b>Minimal</b> <i>Eg. Hazard or near miss requiring reporting and follow up action</i>	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW

**Note 6: Mitigation:** List the Mitigation measure, using the preferred hierarchy list below:

1. **Eliminate:** Can you get rid of the hazard altogether, e.g. remove the hazard, could chicane be moved upstream or downstream to reduce risk; could power be turned off
2. **Isolate:** provide an enclosure or barrier to minimise human exposure to the hazard, e.g. place a barrier structure in front of the hazard i.e. hay bales; barrier tape, fencing
3. **Minimise:** highlight hazard and ensure cars have safety equipment eg; roll cage, driver clothing. PPE Personal protective equipment (PPE) is a common means of minimising exposure risk, but it should only be used as the last line of defence if other controls are not feasible.



**Note 7: Residual Risk:** Bearing in mind the risk mitigation measure, reclassify the risk using the risk matrix. Hopefully either the likelihood and/or the consequence has lowered the risk and all risks are at an acceptable level.

