

Sample Risk Assessment

Activity: Smoking

Location: Restaurant/Bar

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	What is the likelihood and severity of harm?	What currently is in place to control the risk?	What more could be done to control the risk?
Illnesses that develop over time e.g. lung cancer, heart disease, stroke	Those smoking and those exposed to second hand smoke (also known as passive smoking or environmental tobacco smoke) e.g. bar staff, waiting staff, customers, and children. Some people will be subject to high involuntary exposure.	Likelihood of getting these diseases is greatly increased by exposure to cigarette smoke. The greater the exposure the higher the risk. Risk: HIGH	Re-circulating ventilation.	Remove the risk. Ban smoking.
Sudden illnesses e.g. asthma attacks in those already affected	Customers, children and staff.	Can be very severe and require hospitalisation. In those already affected by asthma the likelihood that passive smoking will trigger an asthma attack is high. Risk: HIGH	Re-circulating ventilation.	Remove the risk. Ban smoking.
Fire	Any person on the premises	Potentially multiple fatalities. Most fire are started by cigarettes. Likelihood medium. Risk: HIGH	Smoke alarm and evacuation procedure.	Remove the risk. Ban smoking.
Burns	Children, bar staff, waiting staff, customers.	Children are most at risk of accidentally walking into a lit cigarette held in the hand of a smoker resulting in minor burns. Likelihood is low. Risk: Low	Ashtrays placed on tables and bar.	Remove the risk. Ban smoking.