

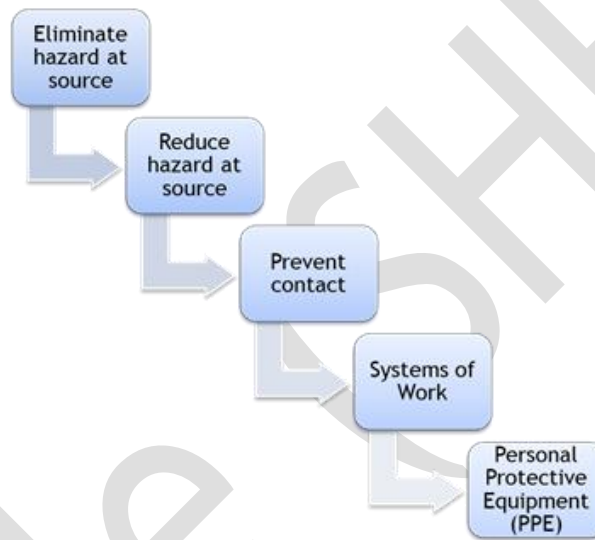


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## Risk Assessment - Hierarchy of Risk Control

To help decide on a risk control, there is an order or hierarchy that can be used. Basically, the risk controls at the top of the hierarchy are the preferred options, they are much less reliant on people doing something. They can also protect larger numbers of people.



**Eliminate** - Redesign the job or substitute a substance so that the hazard is removed.

**Reduce** - Replace the material or process with a less hazardous one.

**Prevent Contact** - Use engineering controls, such as installing enclosures and safety devices, or the fitting of guards to machinery to prevent access.

**Safe Systems of Work** - Implement through supervision, training and information, procedures that reduce the risk to an acceptable level.

**Personal Protective Equipment** - Only after all the previous measures have been considered and found to be ineffective in controlling the risk to a reasonably practicable level, must PPE be used.

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