

Qualitative Measures of Risk Likelihood

Level	Description	Characteristics
A	Almost Certain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event is expected to occur • High level of recorded incidents and/or very strong anecdotal evidence • Strong likelihood event will re-occur • Strong opportunity, reason, or means to occur.
B	Likely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event will probably occur • Regular recorded incidents and strong anecdotal evidence. • Considerable opportunity, reason, or means to occur.
C	Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event should occur at some time • Few infrequent, random recorded incidents or little anecdotal evidence. • Very few incidents in associated organizations or comparable facilities. • Some opportunity, reason, or means to occur.
D	Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event could occur at some time • No recorded incidents or any anecdotal evidence. • No recent incidents in associated organizations or facilities. • Little opportunity, reason, or means to occur.
E	Rare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event may occur only in exceptional circumstances.

Table 1 Source: City of Manningham (Victoria, Australia) Community Emergency Risk Management Plan (2009)