

Likelihood criteria

Score	Descriptor	Safety	Occupational hygiene	
			Exposure	Probability of exceeding OEL
A	Highly unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than a "100 year event" Exceptionally unlikely, even in the long-term future < 5% probability. 	Rare (once a year)	No exposure (or exposure < 10% of OEL)
B	Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could occur in "years to decades" May occur but not anticipated ≥ 5% and < 20% probability. 	Short periods of time, a few times per day/intermittent (once in six months, three months, or a month)	Low exposure (< 50% of OEL)
C	Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could occur within "months to years" May occur shortly but a distinct probability it will not, or ≥ 20% and < 70% probability. 	Continuous for between one and two hours (often/ weekly)	Moderate exposure (chronic exposure > 50% of OEL or acute exposure ≥ OEL)
D	Likely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could occur within "weeks to months" Balance of probability will occur ≥ 70% and < 90% probability. 	Continuous for between two and four hours (frequent/daily)	High exposure (chronic exposure > OEL, or exposure exceeding OEL-STEL)
E	Unavoidable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could occur within "days to weeks" Impact is imminent ≥ 90% probability. 	Continuous for eight-hour shift	Very high exposure (chronic exposure > 2 x OEL or exposure exceeding OEL-C)