

# RISK MANAGEMENT in OHS

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# INTRODUCTION

#### Etymology of Risk\*

• 危险: Hazard

• 机会: Chance, opportunity

#### Combination...

• 风险:Risk



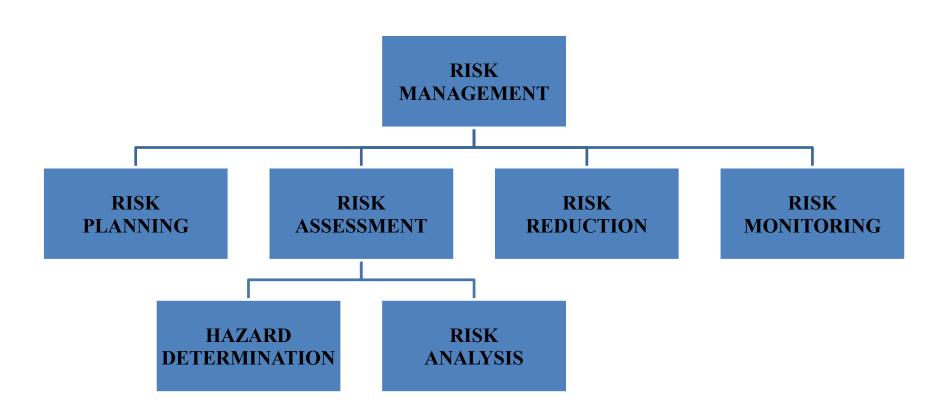




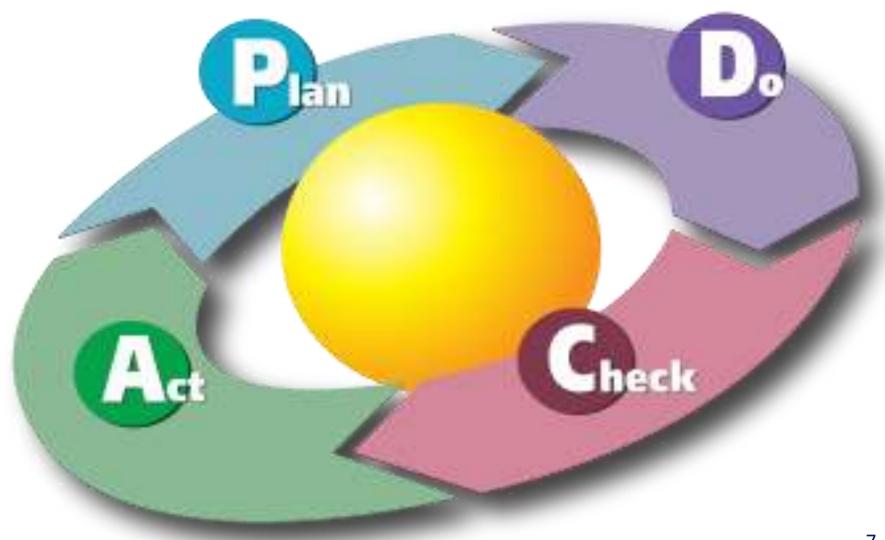
# A systems view for Risk Management

- A system is a regularly interacting or interdependent group of units forming an integrated whole.
- There are natural and human-made/designed systems.
- In engineering, we have physical systems, in computer science, a software can be a system, in management science; an *organization* or a project can be identified as a *system*.

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# **SYSTEM APPROACH**



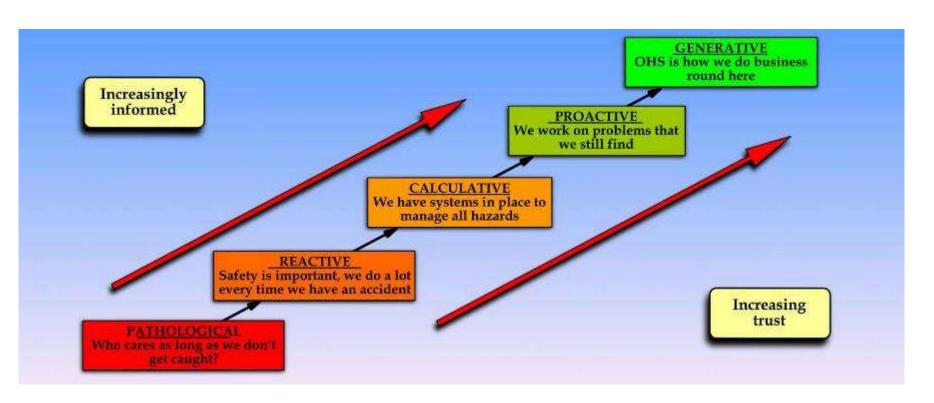
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## Why Risk Management ????



Moraru, R.I. Current Trends and Future Developments in Occupational Health and Safety Risk Management

# **DEFINITION**

#### haz'ard

- hæzərd/ haz-erd]
- noun 1. an unavoidable danger or risk,

even though often foreseeable:

The job was full of hazards.





#### WHAT IS HAZARD?

- Source, situation or act with a potential for harm in terms of human injury or ill health, or combination of these.
   (OHSAS 18001 Article 3.6.)
- Source with a potential to cause injury and ill health (ISO45001 Article 3.19)
- Potential which exists at the workplace or may arise from outside the workplace to cause harm or damage which could affect the worker or the workplace; (OHS Law #6331, Article 2 (1) p)





#### Hazard vs. Risk

#### Are risk and hazard synonyms?

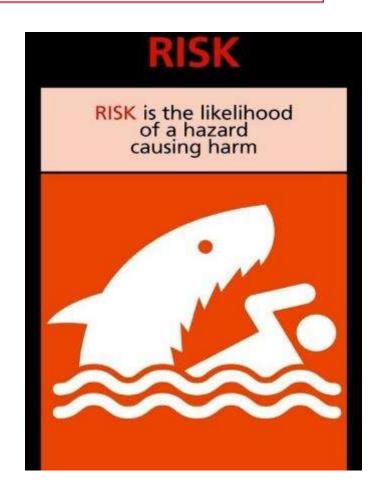
These two terms are often used to describe the same or similar things, but this isn't entirely accurate as risk and hazard relate to very distinct concepts. Not all hazards represent a risk; it is exposure which makes all the difference.



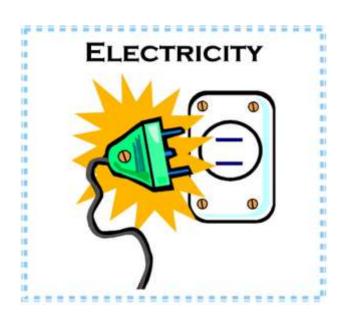
#### Hazard vs. Risk

#### When does a hazard become a risk?





# **Hazard vs. Risk**





#### **DEFINITION**

#### risk

- noun 1. a situation involving exposure to danger
- verb expose (someone or something valued) to danger, harm or loss



#### WHAT IS RISK?

Combination of the likelihood of an occurence of a hazardous event or exposure(s) and the severity of injury or ill health that can be caused by the event or exposure(s) (OHSAS 18001, Article 3.21)

Effect of uncertainty (ISO 45001 Article 3.20)

Probability of loss, injury or other harmful result arising from hazard; (OHS Law #6331, Article 3 (1), o)

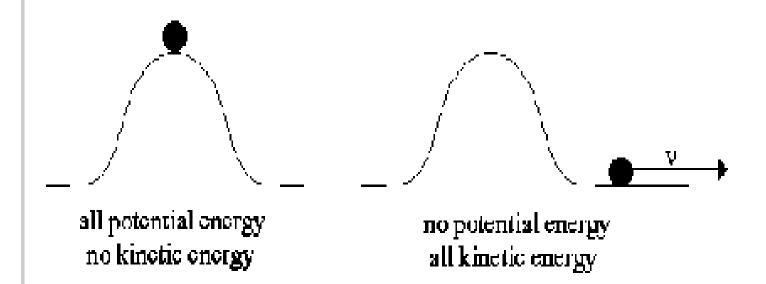


#### HAZARD & RISK

Hazard and risk relationship likes potential energy vs kinetic energy relationship...

Kinetic energy versus Potential energy

kinetic energy = energy of motion/momentum potential energy = stored energy/energy from gravity



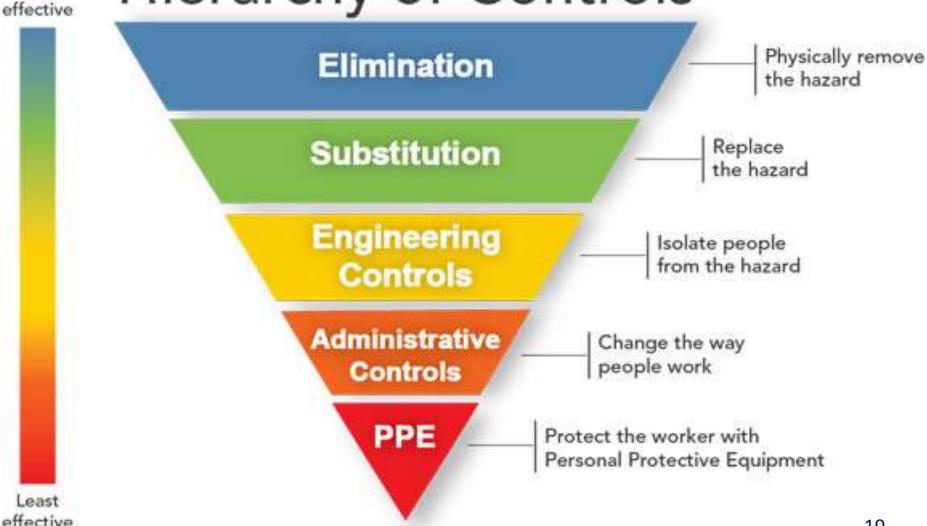
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- •Controlling exposures to occupational hazards is the fundamental method of protecting workers.
- •Traditionally, a hierarchy of controls has been used as a means of determining how to implement *feasible* and *effective control solutions.*

# RISK CONTROL HIERARCHY

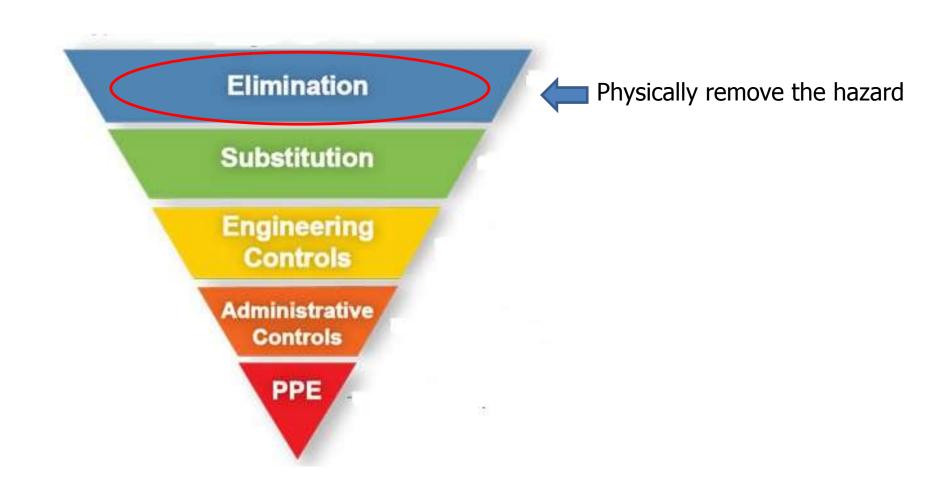
Hierarchy of Controls

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•The idea behind this hierarchy is that the control methods at the top of graphic are potentially more *effective* and *protective* than those at the bottom. Following this hierarchy normally leads to the implementation of inherently safer systems, where the risk of illness or injury has been substantially reduced.



•While the complete *elimination of all risk* is *rarely possible*, a risk avoidance strategy is designed to deflect as many threats as possible in order to avoid the costly and disruptive consequences of a damaging event.

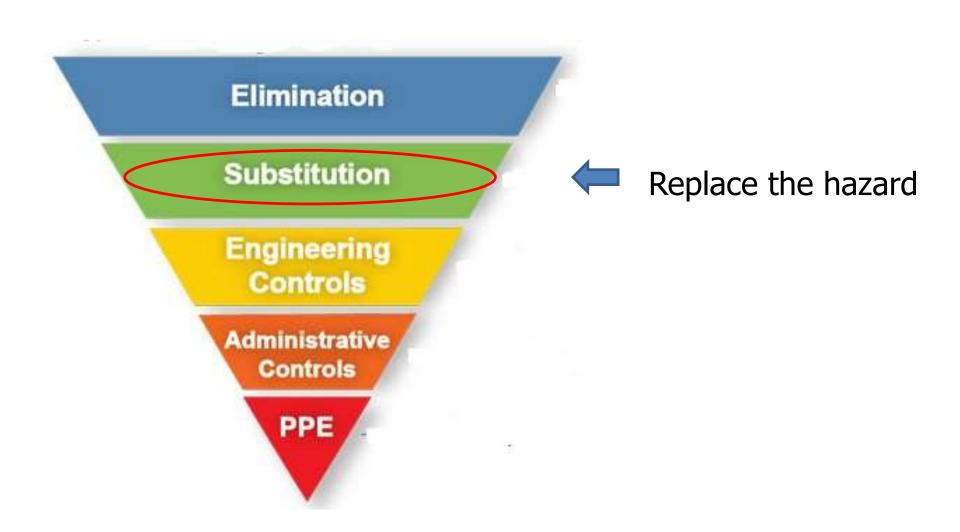


- A risk avoidance methodology attempts to minimize vulnerabilities which can pose a threat.
- Risk avoidance and mitigation can be achieved through policy and procedure, training and education and technology implementations.



 Risk Avoidance: This strategy involves a conscious decision on the part of the organisation to avoid completely a particular risk by discontinuing the operation producing the risk e.g. the replacing (or substituting) a hazardous chemical by one with less or no risk potential.





Like elimination, substitution (replacement)
is also most effective at reducing hazards,
also tends to be the most difficult to implement
in an existing process.



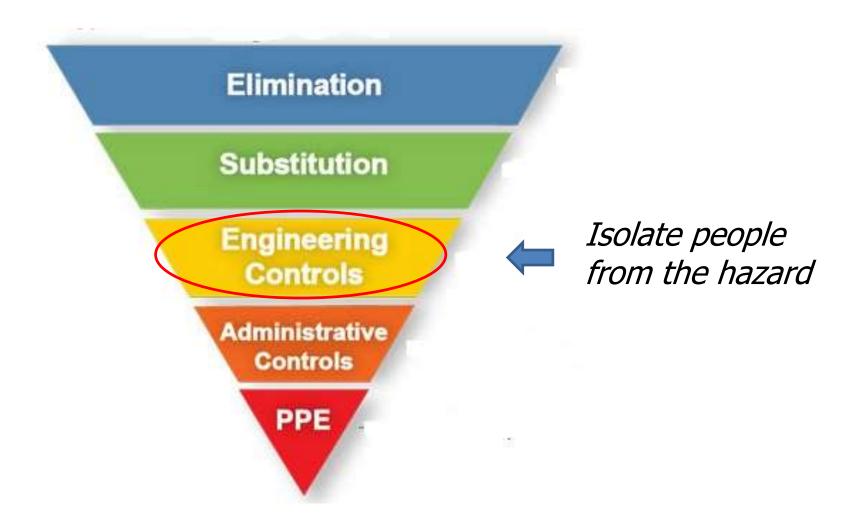
- If the process is still at the design or development stage, elimination and substitution of hazards may be inexpensive and simple to implement.
- For an existing process, major changes in equipment and procedures may be required to eliminate or substitute for a hazard.

- Substitution of a hazard is the second effective way due to risk control hierarchy pyramide.
   Substitution of a hazard means that replace one hazard with another hazard with lower harmfull level.
- Use of an acyrilic paint instead of lead based paint is given as an example for substitution.

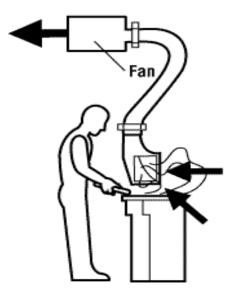








- Engineering controls protect workers by removing hazardous conditions or by placing a barrier between the worker and the hazard.
- For instance, applying *local exhaust ventilation* to capture and remove airborne emissions.

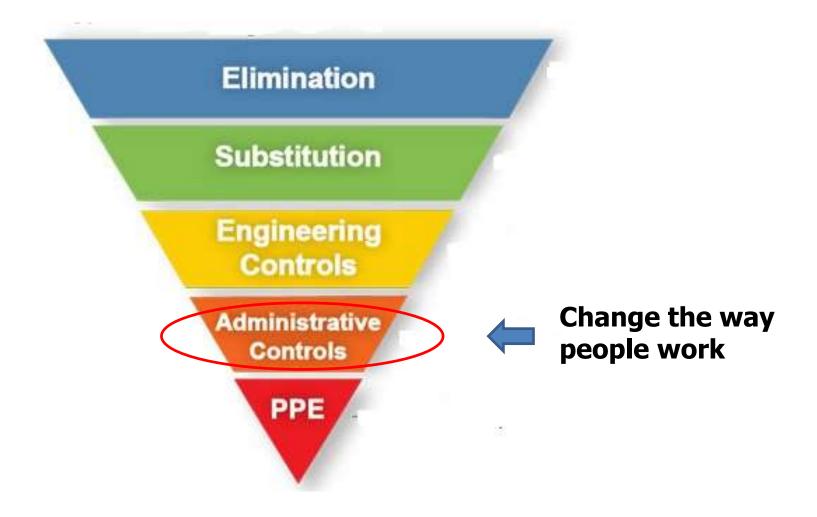


• Implementing a *machine guard* avoids splashing of metal chips to worker.. (into eye!)



- Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions.
- They typically do not interfere with worker productivity or personal comfort and make the work easier to perform rather than more difficult.

 The initial cost of engineering controls can be higher than some other control methods, but over the longer term, operating costs are frequently lower, and in some instances, can provide cost savings in other areas of the process.



Administrative controls include policies
 and procedures that result in providing
 proper guidance for safe work practices and
 set the standard for behavior within work.



 Once developed, administrative controls must be implemented and adhered to by all personnel working in the field.



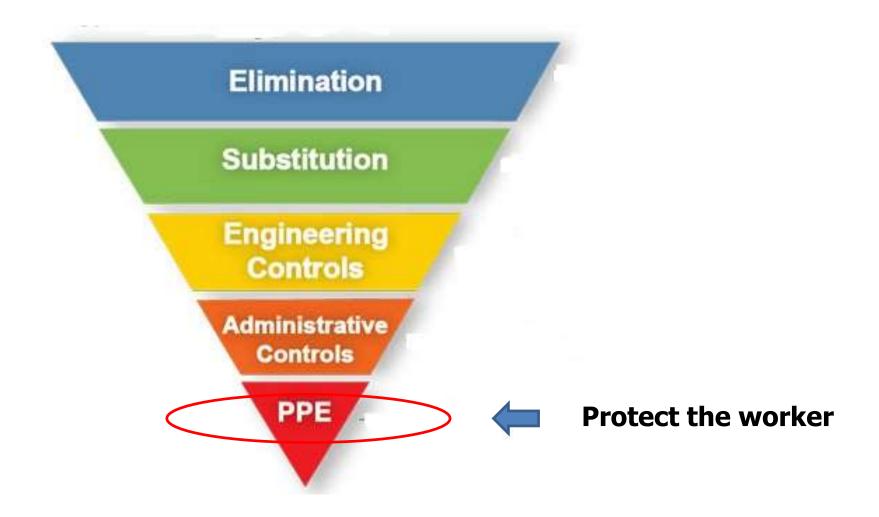
https://sp.ehs.cornell.edu/lab-research-safety/laboratory-safety-manual/Pages/ch4.aspx#4.0

Administrative controls are modifications
 or changes to work practices intended
 to reduce the severity or impact of a hazard.

#### Administrative controls include:

- Safe work practices
- Scheduling
- Training
- Preventative health measures (immunizations, monitoring, periodical exams etc.)

https://www.ualberta.ca/environment-health-safety/hazard-management/how-can-i-control-them/administrative-controls



- Personal protection is the last barrier existing between the hazard and the worker and the last technology to use when dealing with occupational risks.
- Before proceeding to use Personal Protective Equipment, the *hazards must be assessed* and suitable safety measures adopted, using elements of *collective protection* that avoid the risk.

- According to your risk assessment results,
  if a worker is under a risk while he/she is working,
  the first response is to apply collective control
  measures like elimination, substitution etc.
- Collective control measures avoid the occurence of the accident!



- If collective control measures can't be applied, then personal protection must be applied.
- Personal control measures can't avoid the occurence of the accident but protect the worker.



