

ASSESSMENT TOOL

HAZARDS AND RISKS IN THE SHEARING SHED

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Competency	RTC2701A	Follow OHS Procedures
Learning Object	5	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed

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- Hazards are the jobs, activities, equipment, machinery, buildings, materials and animals in the workplace that have the potential to cause harm.
- Risks are the possible consequences of the hazard.
- Risk control is finding ways to reduce the risk of injury.

In this activity you will walk through the shearing shed to look for hazards. You need to identify the risks associated with each hazard that you identify. Find out who could get hurt and in what way. Then you need to think of ways to eliminate the hazard or reduce the risk. The steps involved in assessing the level of risk are explained in the **Assessment Tool – Risk Assessment in the Shearing Shed**.

Start outside in the sheep yards and follow the sheep and wool through the shearing shed to the wool room and loading area. On the attached worksheet write down any hazards you find and add the risks and controls.

Example

AREA TO BE ASSESSED	HAZARDS	RISKS	RISK CONTROLS
Yards and races	Broken rail on fence	Cuts, splinters	Repair rail
Catching pens and gateways	Gates that are hard to open	Fatigue and back strain while dragging sheep	Repair gates and grease/oil hinges
Shearing board	Raised board	Shearer falling off raised board	Install guard rail
Wool room	Not enough space around wool tables	Injuries to shed staff from bumping into each other or machinery	Position wool tables properly

AREA TO BE ASSESSED	HAZARDS	RISKS	RISK CONTROLS
Yards and races			
Access to the shed			

AREA TO BE ASSESSED	HAZARDS	RISKS	RISK CONTROLS
Sheep pens and gates			
Catching pens and gateways			
Shearing board			
Let-out area			
Wool room			
Press area			
Loading area			
Eating area			
Toilets			