Risk assessment: studio or location shoot

One form lists the hazards on the day, the people at risk, the controls and who checks them. Fill it in before the crew arrives.

A starting template, not legal advice. Check it suits your production, and take advice for anything unusual.

This is general guidance. A competent person must assess the actual job. For working at height and rigging, that means the actual rig on the day.

1. The shoot

Location or studio	*[name and full address]*
Shoot date or dates	*[dd/mm/yyyy]*
Assessed by (competent person)	*[name, role, and why they are competent for this job]*
Date of this assessment	*[dd/mm/yyyy]*
Person in charge on the day	*[producer or first AD]*
Crew briefed by	*[name and date]*

2. Rating scale

[Agree this scale before you start, and use the same one on every shoot.]

Level	Likelihood of harm	Severity of harm	Rating
Low			
Medium			
High			

[Write how you combine likelihood and severity to reach the rating, so anyone reading the form gets the same answer.]

3. Hazards to check

[ ] Electrics and power, including generators and distribution boards
[ ] Lighting heat, stands, rigging and sandbags
[ ] Cables on the floor and cable runs across walkways
[ ] Working at height, including ladders, steps and rigs
[ ] Moving vehicles, loading and unloading
[ ] Weather, including wind, rain and cold
[ ] Water, near the set or the route in
[ ] The public at a location, including passers-by and drivers
[ ] Animals on set
[ ] Children on set, and everyone else on set who is not in the scene

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4. Hazard register

[Identify the hazard, decide how likely and how serious harm could be, then remove or control the risk. Be specific: a runner crossing a cable run, not "the crew".]

No.	Hazard	Who could be harmed, and how	Controls in place today	Likelihood	Severity	Rating	Further action needed	Owner	Done by

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5. Review and sign-off

[Review this form when the location, the cast, the weather or the plan changes.]

Date reviewed	Reason for review	Changes made	Reviewed by

Signed off by	*[name, role and date]*
Where the form is kept on the day	*[e.g. production office folder, with the call sheet]*

Source checked 5 November 2026: Health and Safety Executive, Risk assessment (www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk). The HSE minimum is to identify the hazards, decide how likely and how serious harm could be, then take action to remove the hazard or control the risk.

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