

Home Economics Room (General) – Risk Assessment Template No. 34 (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using Template No.74)

Hazards	Is the hazard present? Y/N	What is the risk?	Risk rating H = High M = Medium L = Low	Control measures	Is this control in place? Y/N	If no, what actions are required to implement the control?	Person responsible	Date action completed
Obstructed access/ egress		Slips, trips and falls	H	Walkways and fire exit routes kept free from obstruction. See Slips, Trips and Falls - Template No. 12				
Damaged flooring			H	Students' belongings, project materials, teaching materials etc. are stored safely				
			H	Damaged flooring likely to cause trip hazard repaired or replaced				
Accessing high windows		Injury due to over reaching	M	A window pole or step ladder is used to open windows at height that do not have opening mechanism at ground level				
Accessing overhead areas, e.g. storage areas, overhead projector		Falls		Goods are stored safely and are easily accessible				
Use of sewing machine		Puncture wounds	L	Students instructed on safe use of sewing machine and correct storage of needles				
Inadequate first-aid provisions		Delayed treatment of injuries	M	There is an appropriately stocked first-aid kit in the Home Economics room, under teacher supervision				
			M	Details of trained first-aider is available to all staff and students. See First-Aid - Template No. 21				
Exposure to hazardous cleaning chemicals		Dermatitis/ allergy	H	Non-hazardous cleaning chemicals are used, where possible Personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided and used where necessary The room is appropriately ventilated See Canteen (Working with Chemical Products) - Template No. 5				

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Gas		Fire Explosion	H	Teachers are aware of location of main gas shut off point				
				Gas is shut off when room not in use				
				A gas leak detection system is in place and serviced as required				
Fire		Burns Smoke inhalation Death	H	A fire blanket is located close to potential sources of fire, e.g. toaster				
				A fire detection system is in place				
				Washer and dryer is not left on overnight				
				Lint is removed from dryer regularly				
				All teachers are aware of how to raise the alarm and contact the emergency services				
Teachers and students are informed about evacuation procedures from home economics room and participate in fire drills								
Biological Agents		Food poisoning/ illness	H	All staff/students are aware of good hand hygiene practices				
				Foods are stored appropriately, e.g. uncooked meats separated from cooked				
				Designated preparation areas are used for different food, e.g. raw meat, seafood etc.				
				Equipment, utensils and surfaces are kept in clean condition with a cleaning schedule in place				

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. **Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

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Risk Assessment carried out by: _____

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