

Classroom - No.4 Use of Knives and Cutters (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using the blank template no.55)

Hazards	Is the hazard present? Y/N	What is the risk?	Risk rating H = High M = Medium L = Low	Controls (When all controls are in place risk will be reduced)	Is this control in place?	Action/to do list/outstanding controls *Risk rating applies to outstanding controls outlined in this column	Person responsible	Signature and date when action completed
Sharp knives and cutters		Cuts/lacerations	H	Students instructed in safe use of knives and cutters				
			M	Knives kept sharp (blunt knives require additional force in use leading to accidents)				
			H	Knives and cutters checked for damaged blades or handles once per term and disposed of if damaged				
			M	Knives and cutters stored separately to other equipment				
			H	Knives and cutters counted out to students and counted back in at end of class				
			H	Knives are washed in sink separately from other items of equipment and never left soaking in sink				

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.

Risk Assessment carried out by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

First-aiders should be trained in accordance with the Health and Safety Authority Guidelines on first-aid at Place of Work May 2008 available at [http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Publications\\_and\\_Forms/Publications/Occupational\\_Health/Guidelines\\_on\\_First\\_Aid\\_at\\_Places\\_of\\_Work\\_2008.pdf](http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Publications_and_Forms/Publications/Occupational_Health/Guidelines_on_First_Aid_at_Places_of_Work_2008.pdf)