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TITLE: Critical Risks

Critical risk and sub-risk groups

Critical Risk Family	Sub-Risks
Construction & Maintenance	Asbestos
	Building
	Confined space
	Contractor management
	Electrical/high voltage power
	Hazardous substances
	Height work
	Hot work
	Isolation of services
	Lone worker/Remote Worker
	Plant and equipment
	Pressure/steam
	Sharps
	Stored energy
	Thermal comfort
	Traffic management
2. Emergencies & Natural Disasters	Active shooter
	Aggressive person/assault
	Bomb threat
	Hazardous substance spill
	Earthquake
	Environmental
	Fire
	Flooding, power outage, loss of critical services
	Medical emergency
	Pandemic
	Robbery
	Severe weather events
	Tsunami
Fieldwork and Off Campus Activities	Boating
	Diving
	Driving including towing/transportation
	Drones
	Fieldwork locations/activities
	Hazardous substances
	International travel
	Lone worker/remote worker
	Placements

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Sub-Risks
Plant and equipment
Animal handling
Biological pathogens/blood and body fluids
Compressed gases
Fire
Genetically modified organisms and uncleared biological substances
Hazardous substances laboratory
Lasers
Lone worker/remote worker
Needlestick
Non-compliance
Plant and equipment
Radiation
Sharps
Ice and weather conditions
Organised events on campus
Skateboards, scooters, and vehicles on campus
Slips, trips, and falls
Stairs/walkways
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Animal bite/sting non-laboratory
Ergonomics
Extreme temperatures
Fatigue and shift work
Manual handling
Non-ionising radiation
Occupational exposures: dust, noise, chemical
Pathogens and infectious substances
Zoonosis
Fatigue and shift work/hours of work
Emergency response & working on site afterhours Manual handling
Plant and equipment
Workstation setup and related ergonomics

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8. Plant and Equipment	Compressed gas
	Electrical safety/high voltage power
	Guarding and maintenance
	Hazardous substances
	Lone worker/remote worker
	Plant and equipment
	Pressure/stored energy
	Sharps
9. Psychosocial Hazards (ISO 45003:2021)	Career development, support, and supervision
	Impairment
	Inherently stressful work
	Interpersonal relationships (bullying, etc.)
	Organisational change management
	Organisational/workgroup culture
	Remote/isolated work
	Work scheduling and structure, job demand, work/life balance

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