



Hazard vs Risk

HAZARD

is the potential to cause harm



RISK

is the likelihood of harm taking place



In different Health and Social Care job roles, there will be a variety of hazards and risks that may occur.

Hazard

This is something with the potential to cause harm.

For example, soiled bed linen or clothing, spillages of bodily fluids and assisting people to move.

Risk

The likelihood of the hazard causing harm.

For example, picking up an infection from soiled bed linen, slipping on fluids from spillages or trapping injuries from using a hoist.