

Risk management involves the identification, measurement, control and minimisation of risks within your organisation. It is a process that requires ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

The purpose of risk management is to make the museum, gallery or keeping place a safe place to work in and visit. It is an essential decision making tool for managing risks to health, the environment and the collections.

Risk management is used in preparing:

- Risk management plans for school excursions
- Disaster response and recovery plans
- Business continuity plans
- Security strategies
- Hazard management plans
- Building maintenance plans
- Preservation plans

Areas of museum practice that involve risk can be considered under the following categories:

- Injury
- Financial loss/fraud
- Collection
- Work capability
- Reputation

Volunteering Australia has prepared an excellent publication, *Running the Risk? Risk Management Tool for Volunteer Involving Organisations*, which can be downloaded from their website.

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Susanna Hillhouse, Norfolk Museum and Archaeology Service

<https://collectionstrust.org.uk/resource/assess-and-manage-risk-in-collections-care/>

### **Managing Risks to Health and Safety at the Workplace**

Safe Work Australia

<https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/safety-topic/managing-health-and-safety/identify-assess-and-control-hazards/managing-risks>

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