

IQCP Risk Acceptability Matrix

	<u>Severity of Harm</u>				
<u>Probability of Harm</u>	Negligible	Marginal	Significant	Severe	Catastrophic
Frequent	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Probable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Possible	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Rare	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Improbable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable

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Probability of Harm

- **Frequent** = once per week
- **Probable** = once per month
- **Possible** = once per year
- **Rare** = once every few years
- **Improbable** = once in the life of the measuring system

Severity of Harm

- **Negligible** = inconvenience or temporary discomfort
- **Marginal** = temporary injury or impairment not requiring professional medical intervention
- **Significant** = injury or impairment requiring professional medical intervention
- **Severe** = permanent impairment or life-threatening injury
- **Catastrophic** = patient death