

risk1. [risk] *n*

1. 1) риск

risk appraisal /analysis/ - **ЭК.** оценка степени риска

risk assets - неликвидные активы

let's try, it's not much of a risk - попробуем, риск невелик

there is no risk of your catching cold [being late] - вы не рискуете простудиться [опоздать]

to run a /the/ risk, to take risks - рисковать

I'll take the risk - я рискну

at one's own risk - на свой страх и риск

at the risk of one's life - рискуя жизнью

at owner's risk - **КОМ.** на риск владельца

it was a risk of a thousand to one in my favour - мои шансы составляли девятьсот девяносто девять из тысячи

2) опасность, угроза

fire [traffic] risk - пожарная [дорожная] опасность

to reduce the risk of outbreak of nuclear war - уменьшить опасность возникновения ядерной войны

at risk - в опасности, под ударом

that policy is now at risk - эта политика находится сейчас под угрозой

2. объект риска (о человеке)

poor risk - ненадежный человек

good risk - человек, на которого можно положиться /делать ставку **и т. п.** /

security risk - неблагонадежный человек

3. 1) страховая сумма

2) застрахованное лицо; застрахованная вещь

2. [risk] *v*1. рисковать (*чем-л.*)

to risk one's life [one's health, one's fortune] - рисковать жизнью [здоровьем, состоянием]

I'd risk my life on his honesty - за его порядочность я ручаюсь головой

2. отваживаться (*на что-л.*)

to risk a battle - отваживаться на битву

I can't risk failure - я не могу идти на (заведомый) провал

he risked breaking his neck - он чуть не сломал шею, он вполне мог сломать себе шею

risk

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risk [risk risks risked risking] **noun, verb** **BrE** [rɪsk] ^ˈ **NAmE** [rɪsk] ^ˈ

noun

1. countable, uncountable the possibility of sth bad happening at some time in the future; a situation that could be dangerous or have a bad result

- ~ **(of sth/of doing sth)** Smoking can increase the risk of developing heart disease.
- Patients should be made aware of the risks involved with this treatment.
- ~ **(that...)** There is still a risk that the whole deal will fall through.
- ~ **(to sb/sth)** The chemicals **pose little risk** (= are not dangerous) to human health.
- a **calculated risk** (= one that you think is small compared with the possible benefits)
- Any business venture contains an **element of risk**.
- We could probably trust her with the information but it's just not **worth the risk**.

2. countable ~ (to sth) a person or thing that is likely to cause problems or danger at some time in the future

- The group was considered to be a risk to national security.
- a major **health/fire risk**

3. countable a good/bad/poor ~ a person or business that a bank or an insurance company is willing/unwilling to lend money or sell insurance to because they are likely/unlikely to pay back the money etc

- With five previous claims, he's now a bad insurance risk.

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from French **risque** (noun), **risquer** (verb), from Italian **risco** 'danger' and **rischiare** 'run into danger'.

Thesaurus:

risk **noun**

1. C, U

- There is still a risk that the whole deal will fall through.

danger •• **threat** •• **fear** •

the risk/danger/threat/fear **of** sth happening

the risk/danger/threat/fear **that** sth will happen

put sth at risk/in danger/under threat

2. C

- The group is considered to be a risk to national security.

threat •• **danger** •• **hazard** •• **menace** •

a risk/threat/danger/hazard/menace **to** sb/sth

a **great/serious** risk/threat/danger/hazard/menace

pose a risk/threat/danger/hazard/menace

Which word? A **danger** is the possibility of physical or moral harm and can come from a person or a thing; a **risk** or **hazard** is the threat of physical harm from a thing but not a person. A **threat** is usually a probability, not just a possibility, and is most often used in the phrase **a threat to sth**.

3. **C** (usually used in the phrase **take a risk**)

- You have no right to take risks with other people's lives.

chance • • **gamble** •

take a risk/chance/gamble **on** sth

take a risk/chance **with** sth

take a risk/chance/gamble

Risk, chance or gamble? **Risk** is used especially when there is danger to life or sb's safety; **gamble** is used about less serious danger, or when you risk money. When you decide to give/not to give sb the opportunity to do sth, you **take a chance/take no chances**.

Example Bank:

- Children are at greater risk for these diseases.
- Cigarette smoking is a risk factor for this disease.
- Companies can mitigate the risks of losing valuable data.
- Consider your own risk tolerance. How many chances are you willing to take?
- Farmers invest in irrigation to manage risk in drought years.
- He is no longer considered a security risk in the State of California.
- He is not a current suicide risk.
- He knew he was taking a big risk by going skiing.
- He saved the child at considerable risk to himself.
- He's a good insurance risk.
- His lawyer argued that he was not a flight risk.
- I take calculated risks but never gamble.
- I think you know the risks of your choices.
- I was taking a big risk in lending her the money.
- I'm not prepared to take risks— I want the equipment thoroughly checked.
- If you don't revise, you run the risk of failing.
- Journalists in the zone are at serious risk of being kidnapped.
- Miners are a high risk group for certain types of gastric cancer.
- Pollutants in the river pose a real risk to the fish.
- Smoking doubles the risk of having a stroke.
- Standards of hygiene have fallen with all the attendant risks of disease.
- The benefits outweigh the risks.
- The building is unsafe— enter at your own risk.
- The directors will have to assess our credit risk.
- The lawyers are assuming all the financial risk.
- The operation carries an element of risk.
- The perceived risk is far greater than reality.
- The rewards may well justify the risks.
- There are considerable risks inherent in the policy.
- These funds spread the risk among different countries.
- They do their patriotic duty at great personal risk.
- They run great political risks by opposing him.
- They try to identify every possible risk.
- Those old boxes in the corridor are a fire risk.
- You have to weigh risks and benefits.
- Young male drivers are a higher risk category compared to mature ladies and even women of the same age.
- a big jump in the risk premium on corporate bonds
- a higher risk of stomach cancer
- a major risk to livestock
- a reduced risk for heart disease
- a risk from contaminated water
- efforts to persuade the public to reduce risk behavior
- high-risk patients
- investors' assessments of overall risk levels
- its judgment of what constitutes an acceptable risk
- solutions to address security risks more effectively
- the risks and benefits of a drug
- the strategies of risk avoidance that people practice in their everyday lives
- to put someone's life at risk
- Any business venture contains an element of risk.
- At the risk of showing my ignorance, how exactly does this system work?
- Gloss paint can burn strongly and pose a fire risk.
- It was so close, he decided to take a calculated risk.
- Persons swimming beyond this point do so at their own risk.
- Sending cash in the post is a bit of a risk.
- She knew she had taken an enormous risk in going to see Helen.

- Sometimes leaders need to be prepared to take risks.
- Thankfully the risk paid off.
- That's a risk that I'm not prepared to take.
- The chemicals pose little risk to human health.
- Tuberculosis threatens to become a major health risk worldwide.
- We could probably trust her with the information but it's just not worth the risk.
- We don't want to run the risk of losing their business.
- You have no right to take risks with other people's lives.

Idioms: ↑at risk ▪ ↑at risk to yourself ▪ ↑at the risk of doing something ▪ ↑do something at your own risk ▪ ↑risk life and limb ▪ ↑risk your neck ▪ ↑run a risk ▪ ↑run risks ▪ ↑run the risk ▪ ↑take a risk ▪ ↑take risks

verb

1. ~ sth to put sth valuable or important in a dangerous situation, in which it could be lost or damaged

- He risked his life to save her.
- She was risking her own and her children's health.
- He risked all his money on a game of cards.
- They were willing to risk everything for their liberty.

2. to do sth that may mean that you get into a situation which is unpleasant for you

- ~ **sth** There was no choice. If they stayed there, they risked death.
- ~ **(sb/sth) doing sth** They knew they risked being arrested.

3. to do sth that you know is not really a good idea or may not succeed

- ~ **sth** He risked a glance at her furious face.
- It was a difficult decision but we decided to **risk it**.
- ~ **doing sth** We've been advised not to risk travelling in these conditions.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	risk
	BrE /rɪsk/
	NAme /rɪsk/
he / she / it	risks
	BrE /rɪzks/
	NAme /rɪzks/
past simple, past participle	risked
	BrE /rɪskt/
	NAme /rɪskt/
-ing form	risking
	BrE /rɪskɪŋ/
	NAme /rɪskɪŋ/

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risk verb

1. T

- Don't risk your job for my sake.

endanger • • **threaten** • |written **jeopardize** •

risk/endanger/threaten sb's/your **life/health**

risk/threaten/jeopardize sb's/your **job/career**

Which word? People usually choose to **risk** sth that is their own, such as their **life**, in the hope of gaining sth else; it is not used about things outside your control:

- The survival of the species is being endangered/threatened/jeopardized by overdevelopment

✗ The survival of the species is being risked by overdevelopment

2. T

- He risked a glance at her furious face.

dare • • **hazard** • |informal **chance** • • **stick your neck out** • |usually approving **pluck up (the/your) courage** • |formal **venture**

- |formal, disapproving **presume** •

dare/pluck up courage/venture/presume **to do sth**

risk/chance **doing sth**

risk/chance a **look** (at sth)

risk/chance **it**

Example Bank:

- He was prepared to risk everything in order to achieve his ambition.
- I am not risking my neck for anyone!
- I didn't want to risk being late.
- I knew I would be in trouble if I was found out, but I decided to risk it anyway.
- I refuse to risk being hurt.
- I simply can't risk being seen there.
- I wouldn't risk my money on a scheme like this one.
- I wouldn't risk my money on this investment.

- families who risk losing their homes
- the brave tourist who risks life and limb for adventure
- He had no desire to risk his neck for the king and his favourites
- In ignoring the warnings, she was risking her own and her children's health.
- It was a difficult decision but we decided to risk it.
- She has been willing to risk life and limb to get a good close-up shot of the nesting birds.
- We've been advised not to risk travelling in these conditions.

risk

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I. **risk**¹ **S2 W1** /rɪsk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: risque, from Italian risco]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** the possibility that something bad, unpleasant, or dangerous may happen **SYN** danger ⇒ **chance**
risk of

Skiers always face the risk of serious injury.

risk (that)

There is a risk that the disease may spread further.

risk to

There is no risk to public health.

2. **[countable]** an action that might have bad results ⇒ **gamble** :

It was a risk, sending a letter to my house.

take a risk (=do something that might have bad results)

Isn't he taking a bit of a risk in coming here?

take the risk of doing something

I couldn't take the risk of leaving him alone even for a short time.

calculated risk (=a risk you take because you think a good result is quite likely)

3. **[countable]** something or someone that is likely to cause harm or danger

risk to

Polluted water supplies are a risk to public health.

Meat from the infected animals is regarded as a serious health risk (=something likely to harm people's health).

The tyre dump is a major fire risk (=something that could cause a dangerous fire).

She's becoming a security risk (=someone who may tell important secrets to an enemy).

4. **at risk** in a situation where you may be harmed:

We must stop these rumours; the firm's reputation is at risk.

at risk from

Women are more at risk from the harmful effects of alcohol than men.

at risk of

Their children are also at high risk of developing the disease.

That would mean putting other children at risk.

5. **run a risk** to be in a situation where there is a possibility that something bad could happen to you

run the risk of doing something

Anyone travelling without a passport runs the risk of being arrested.

6. **at the risk of doing something** used when you think that what you are going to say or do may have a bad result, may offend or annoy people etc:

At the risk of sounding stupid, can I ask a question?

Will they go ahead with their plans, even at the risk of offending the Americans?

7. **at your own risk** if you do something at your own risk, you do it when you understand the possible dangers and have been warned about them:

You can use it, but it's at your own risk.

All personal belongings are left at the owner's risk.

8. **[countable]** a person or business judged according to the danger involved in giving them insurance or lending them money

good/bad/poor risk

Drivers under 21 are regarded as poor risks by insurance companies.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **high** Professional sport involves a relatively high risk of injury.
- **low** The risks of failure are quite low.
- **considerable** (=one that is fairly large) Starting up your own business involves considerable risks.
- **a big/great/huge risk** There is a great risk that the wound will become infected.
- **an increased/reduced risk** Those who smoke have an increased risk of heart disease.
- **a real risk** There is a real risk that there could be another war.
- **a serious/grave risk** (=real and big) The most serious risk of flooding this evening is on the River Wye.
- **a potential risk** The potential risks associated with this operation should not be ignored.
- **a financial risk** There is relatively little financial risk for the company.
- **a political risk** The political risks for the President are minimal.
- **attendant risks** *formal* (=risks involved in something) Those who deal with firearms are generally aware of the attendant risks.

■ verbs

- **carry a risk** (=might be dangerous) Most medical operations carry some risk.

- **pose a risk** (=might be dangerous) Climate change poses serious risks to the environment.
- **involve/entail risk** Investments that provide a high return generally entail more risk.
- **reduce/minimize a risk** This diet could reduce your risk of certain cancers.
- **increase a risk** Smoking increases the risk of heart disease.
- **eliminate risk** (=remove risk completely) You can't eliminate risk in your life completely.
- **avoid a risk** They are anxious to avoid any risk of criticism.
- **face a risk** The dominant male faces the risk that adult males from the group will attack him.

■ risk + NOUN

- **a risk factor** (=something that increases a risk) High cholesterol is one of the risk factors associated with heart disease.
- **risk assessment** (=a calculation of how much risk is involved in something) Engineering risk assessment is based on objective scientific criteria.

■ phrases

- **there is a risk** There is always a risk that mistakes will be made.
- **an element /degree of risk** (=some risk, but not much) There is always an element of risk in flying.
- **be worth the risk** Don't walk home alone at night – it's not worth the risk.
- **the risks involved/the risks associated with something** The soldiers were well aware of the risks involved. | The public are unwilling to accept the risks associated with nuclear energy.
- **the benefits outweigh the risks** (=they are more important than the possible risks) The benefits to patients who are taking the drug far outweigh the risks.

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THESAURUS

- **risk** the chance that something bad may happen: Smoking greatly increases the risk of lung cancer.
- **threat** the possibility that something very bad will happen: the only way to reduce the threat of nuclear war
- **hazard** something that may be dangerous or cause accidents or problems: natural hazards like avalanches

II. risk² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

1. to put something in a situation in which it could be lost, destroyed, or harmed ⇒ **gamble** :

" When children start smoking, they don't realize that they're risking their health.

risk something to do something

" He's prepared to risk everything to avoid this war.

risk something on something

" You'd be crazy to risk your money on an investment like that!

" He risked his life helping others to escape.

" I'm not going to risk my neck (=risk my life) just to save a common criminal.

" Why risk life and limb (=risk your life and health) jumping out of a plane just to raise money for charity?

2. to get into a situation where something unpleasant may happen to you ⇒ **endanger**

risk doing something

" They may even risk losing their homes.

risk defeat/death etc

" He would prefer not to risk another embarrassing defeat.

" Some people are prepared to risk imprisonment for what they believe.

risk being seen/caught/arrested etc

" Workers who broke the strike risked being attacked when they left the factory.

3. to do something that you know may have dangerous or unpleasant results

risk doing something

" Are you prepared to risk traveling without an armed guard?

" She risked a glance back over her shoulder.

" You could slip out of school between classes, but I wouldn't risk it.

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