



## How do you assess risk in your organisation?

1. do you have a systematic approach to risk?
2. are risks known about and shared across the organisation?
3. are risk assessments used in practice? are they also used to target intervention and track progress?
4. do you audit the quality of risk assessments and ensure significant risks are documented?
5. are staff trained, capable and safe practitioners? Do they identify risk effectively? How do you audit and evidence this?
6. has the placing authority agreed to the approach taken to manage the risk? when are they consulted? Do you have a clear process for escalating concerns?
7. do staff share risks with others having care of the young person, such as schools. Is communication about risk effective? Are clear steps to manage risks set out?
8. do staff have the authority to take reasonable risks, have authority to stop or call for help and where necessary change a risk assessment? is this clear in your paperwork?
9. Do you undertake internal analysis when risks become incidents?
10. What is the culture of risk in your home? Does it take a balanced approach recognising the importance of adolescent risk for good health and brain development while adults hold proper responsibility for young people?

For more information and training visit <https://dialogueltd.co.uk/dynamic-risk/>