

Managing risks

Safety and security in human rights work

The risk matrix

The risk matrix is a tool that can be used as part of the risk assessment process to evaluate threats on the basis of two key parameters: probability and impact.

Probability

Likelihood that the threat will happen.

Impact

Effect and consequences of the threat, if it happens.

Assessing threats by their probability and impact is an essential step towards understanding what risks to prioritize and how to deal with them.

This assessment might depend on many factors, including past events, the circumstances in which we operate, as well as our feelings and expectations. The **context** defines everything. A deep knowledge of the context is essential to conduct a proper risk assessment.

