

ERICPD Explained

ERICPD which is an acronym for defining the hierarchy of hazard control. **Eliminate – Reduce – Isolate – Control - Personal Protective Equipment – Discipline.**

The hierarchy of control is used to remove or reduce hazards and risks and should be used during a risk assessment. The idea is that you start by choosing the method from the top of the list i.e., **Eliminate** and work your way down if required. When considering the hazards, the logical and practical way is to use **ERICPD**. For our purposes the use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) may not normally be required to be considered as part of the equation, but we can get involved in activities where it may be necessary to use it.

Eliminate –The safest control measure is to eliminate the hazard completely.

Reduce –If we cannot eliminate the hazard Reduce it, but you still need to control it.

Isolate – If you cannot eliminate or reduce the hazard then isolate it to prevent access.

Control – This is where we consider controls such as safe systems of working, guidance, training, supervision.

And finally: -

Personal Protective Equipment – such as wearing suitable gloves, eye protection, clothing, footwear.

Discipline – Make sure that all controls are in place, are used and reviewed, particularly if circumstances relating to any of the identified hazard's change.

This then is **E.R.I.C.PD**. A reminder of the process to help with undertaking a practical Risk Assessment.