## Types of

# HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

#### INFORMAL

Informal Hazard Assessments are performed by workers before starting a task or while performing a task.

#### **FORMAL**

A formal hazard assessment process takes a close look at the overall operations of the organization to identify hazards and measure risk. Formal hazard assessments are a vital component in the hazard assessment and control process. They are the cornerstone of an effective health and safety program.

### SITE-SPECIFIC

A site-specific hazard assessment is a type of administrative control used as a result of changing circumstances at a work site. These are used in addition to formal hazard assessments. The purpose is to flag hazards identified or introduced by change and ensure these newly identified hazards are eliminated or controlled before the work begins.

#### WIGH RISK/ COMPLEX TASK

High-risk/complex task hazard assessments breaks down each step to identify each hazard for each step because the hazards are so high risk. These are carried out when a more detailed hazard assessment is warranted due to the high risk or complexity associated with the task.

