Proposed Radiation Risk Scale

More Radiation

Less Radiation

Category 5

Category 4

Category 3

Category 2

Category 1

Radiation Risk Scale

General Description

Category 5 Life hazard (hours to days)

Category 4 Risk of radiation sickness (days to weeks)

Category 3 Increased risk of long term health effects (decades)

Category 2 Above natural background, but no health effects

Category 1 Within normal range of natural background radiation