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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This Technical Report was prepared by the International Institute of Welding (IIW), Commission VIII: Health, Safety, and Environment.

It constitutes the concerns of this expert group on the possible hazards and risks to be considered during arc welding and allied processes in order to help welding fabricators to identify countermeasures in order to minimize exposures to risk. The experts have drawn on views expressed in previous IIW Commission VIII documents on this topic and information published in papers in the scientific literature. The latter are listed in the Bibliography.

This Technical Report provides tables of possible risks associated with welding and allied activities, focusing on possible consequent harm and damages. The lists contain the most common health and safety aspects related to welding, but do not purport to be exhaustive.

In addition, [Annex A](#) reports information on possible actions to be implemented to reduce the risk, and [Annex B](#) suggests relations among processes typically allied activities. [Annex C](#) gives information about the use of this risk assessment procedure as part of a health and safety management system for welding fabrication.

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