

Need another word that means the same as “risky”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “risky” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Risky” are: hazardous, wild, bad, high-risk, speculative, dangerous, fraught with danger, perilous, unsafe, insecure, exposed, defenceless, precarious, touch-and-go, tricky, treacherous**

## **Risky as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Risky" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “risky” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Not financially safe or secure.*
- *Full of the possibility of danger, failure, or loss.*
- *Risqu.*
- *Involving risk or danger.*



## Synonyms of "Risky" as an adjective (16 Words)

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| <b>bad</b>                 | Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad.<br><i>A <b>bad</b> storm.</i>             |
| <b>dangerous</b>           | Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences.<br><i>Insecticides which are <b>dangerous</b> to the environment.</i> |
| <b>defenceless</b>         | Lacking weapons for self-defense.<br><i>Attacks on <b>defenceless</b> civilians.</i>  |
| <b>exposed</b>             | In a vulnerable position or situation.<br><i>A midi length dress with a high neck and an <b>exposed</b> zip.</i>                |
| <b>fraught with danger</b> | Filled with or attended with.   |
| <b><u>hazardous</u></b>    | Involving risk or danger.<br><i>It is <b>hazardous</b> to personal safety.</i>  |
| <b>high-risk</b>           | Not financially safe or secure.   |

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| <b><u>insecure</u></b>   | Lacking in security or safety.<br><i>A rather gauche <b>insecure</b> young man.</i>   |
| <b><u>perilous</u></b>   | Fraught with danger.<br><i>A <b>perilous</b> journey south.</i>   |
| <b><u>precarious</u></b> | Affording no ease or reassurance.<br><i>A <b>precarious</b> ladder.</i>   |
| <b>speculative</b>       | (of an investment) involving a high risk of loss.<br><i>He gave her a <b>speculative</b> glance.</i>  |
| <b>touch-and-go</b>      | Functioning correctly and ready for action.   |
| <b>treacherous</b>       | Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans.<br><i>The fiercest and most <b>treacherous</b> of foes.</i> |
| <b><u>tricky</u></b>     | Marked by skill in deception.<br><i>Applying eyeliner can be a <b>tricky</b> business.</i>  |
| <b>unsafe</b>            | Lacking in security or safety.<br><i>Because the confession was unreliable the verdict was <b>unsafe</b> and unsatisfactory.</i>  |
| <b>wild</b>              | Produced from wild animals or plants without cultivation.<br><i><b>Wild</b> colors.</i>   |



## Usage Examples of "Risky" as an adjective

- *Their risky patter made the guests laugh.*
- *It was much too risky to try to disarm him.*
- *Anything that promises to pay too much can't help being risky.*
- *Extremely risky going out in the tide and fog.*



## Associations of "Risky" (30 Words)

### crisis

A crucial stage or turning point in the course of something.  
*When the **crisis** came she does not appear to have hesitated.*

### **danger**

A dangerous place.  
*One of the trains involved passed a signal at **danger**.*

### **dangerous**

Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm.  
*It is **dangerous** to convict on his evidence.*

### **deadly**

Extremely (used as intensives).  
*It s a great town and the pubs are **deadly**.*

### **dicey**

Unpredictable and potentially dangerous.  
*Democracy is a **dicey** business.*

**flammability** The quality of being easily ignited and burning rapidly.

### hazard

Say (something) in a tentative way.  
*He **hazarded** a guess.*

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| <b>hazardous</b>     | Involving risk or danger.<br><i>It is <b>hazardous</b> to personal safety.</i>   |
| <b>imminence</b>     | The state of being imminent and liable to happen soon.<br><i>The populace was largely unaware of the <b>imminence</b> of war.</i>                                |
| <b>insecure</b>      | Not safe from attack.<br><i>An <b>insecure</b> person lacking mental stability.</i>  |
| <b>irradiate</b>     | Give spiritual insight to; in religion.<br><i><b>Irradiate</b> food.</i>   |
| <b>jeopardy</b>      | Danger arising from being on trial for a criminal offence.<br><i>The whole peace process is in <b>jeopardy</b>.</i>  |
| <b>neurotoxin</b>    | Any toxin that affects neural tissues.   |
| <b>parlous</b>       | Fraught with danger.<br><i>The General's position was <b>parlous</b>.</i>  |
| <b>peril</b>         | A state of danger involving risk.<br><i>The movement is in <b>peril</b> of dying.</i>  |
| <b>perilous</b>      | Exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin.<br><i>A <b>perilous</b> voyage across the Atlantic in a small boat.</i>  |
| <b>perilously</b>    | In a way that is full of danger or risk.<br><i>Houses perched <b>perilously</b> on craggy outposts.</i>  |
| <b>pitfall</b>       | An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty.<br><i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>  |
| <b>precarious</b>    | Not secure; beset with difficulties.<br><i>The <b>precarious</b> life of an undersea diver.</i>  |
| <b>radioactivity</b> | The emission of ionizing radiation or particles caused by the spontaneous disintegration of atomic nuclei.<br><i>An escape of <b>radioactivity</b>.</i>          |
| <b>radium</b>        | The chemical element of atomic number 88, a rare radioactive metal of the alkaline earth series. It was formerly used as a source of radiation for radiotherapy. |
| <b>risk</b>          | Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome.<br><i>Gloss paint can burn strongly and pose a fire <b>risk</b>.</i>   |
| <b>shaky</b>         | Unstable because of poor construction or heavy use.<br><i>A wobbly chair with <b>shaky</b> legs.</i>   |
| <b>shivering</b>     | Shaking slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold, frightened, or excited.<br><i>He bought a warm winter coat for a <b>shivering</b> man.</i>        |

- stunt** Perform a stunt or stunts.  
*You will **stunt** your growth by building all these muscles.*
- threatened** (of flora or fauna) likely in the near future to become endangered.  
*The spotted owl is a **threatened** species not yet an endangered one.*
- toxicity** The quality of being very harmful or unpleasant in a pervasive or insidious way.  
*She went public with allegations of workplace **toxicity** and sexism.*
- toxin** A poisonous substance produced during the metabolism and growth of certain microorganisms and some higher plant and animal species.
- unsafe** Lacking in security or safety.  
*Drinking water in some areas may be **unsafe**.*
- volatility** Liability to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.  
*The children have been exposed to the full force of her **volatility**.*

