

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)

<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>A <b>bad</b> storm.</i>
<b>dangerous</b>	Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences. <i>Insecticides which are <b>dangerous</b> to the environment.</i>
<b>defenceless</b>	Lacking weapons for self-defense. <i>Attacks on <b>defenceless</b> civilians.</i>
<b>exposed</b>	In a vulnerable position or situation. <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. <i>It is <b>hazardous</b> to personal safety.</i>
<b>high-risk</b>	Not financially safe or secure.

<b><u>insecure</u></b>	Lacking in security or safety. <i>A rather gauche <b>insecure</b> young man.</i>
<b><u>perilous</u></b>	Fraught with danger. <i>A <b>perilous</b> journey south.</i>
<b><u>precarious</u></b>	Affording no ease or reassurance. <i>A <b>precarious</b> ladder.</i>
<b>speculative</b>	(of an investment) involving a high risk of loss. <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. <i>The fiercest and most <b>treacherous</b> of foes.</i>
<b><u>tricky</u></b>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>Applying eyeliner can be a <b>tricky</b> business.</i>
<b>unsafe</b>	Lacking in security or safety. <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. <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.*

<b>hazardous</b>	Involving risk or danger. <i>It is <b>hazardous</b> to personal safety.</i>
<b>imminence</b>	The state of being imminent and liable to happen soon. <i>The populace was largely unaware of the <b>imminence</b> of war.</i>
<b>insecure</b>	Not safe from attack. <i>An <b>insecure</b> person lacking mental stability.</i>
<b>irradiate</b>	Give spiritual insight to; in religion. <i><b>Irradiate</b> food.</i>
<b>jeopardy</b>	Danger arising from being on trial for a criminal offence. <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. <i>The General's position was <b>parlous</b>.</i>
<b>peril</b>	A state of danger involving risk. <i>The movement is in <b>peril</b> of dying.</i>
<b>perilous</b>	Exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin. <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. <i>Houses perched <b>perilously</b> on craggy outposts.</i>
<b>pitfall</b>	An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty. <i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<b>precarious</b>	Not secure; beset with difficulties. <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. <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. <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. <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. <i>He bought a warm winter coat for a <b>shivering</b> man.</i>

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

