

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

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| <u>insecure</u> | Lacking in security or safety. <i>A rather gauche insecure young man.</i> |
| <u>perilous</u> | Fraught with danger. <i>A perilous journey south.</i> |
| <u>precarious</u> | Affording no ease or reassurance. <i>A precarious ladder.</i> |
| speculative | (of an investment) involving a high risk of loss. <i>He gave her a speculative glance.</i> |
| touch-and-go | Functioning correctly and ready for action. |
| treacherous | Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>The fiercest and most treacherous of foes.</i> |
| <u>tricky</u> | Marked by skill in deception. <i>Applying eyeliner can be a tricky business.</i> |
| unsafe | Lacking in security or safety. <i>Because the confession was unreliable the verdict was unsafe and unsatisfactory.</i> |
| wild | Produced from wild animals or plants without cultivation. <i>Wild 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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| hazardous | Involving risk or danger. <i>It is hazardous to personal safety.</i> |
| imminence | The state of being imminent and liable to happen soon. <i>The populace was largely unaware of the imminence of war.</i> |
| insecure | Not safe from attack. <i>An insecure person lacking mental stability.</i> |
| irradiate | Give spiritual insight to; in religion. <i>Irradiate food.</i> |
| jeopardy | Danger arising from being on trial for a criminal offence. <i>The whole peace process is in jeopardy.</i> |
| neurotoxin | Any toxin that affects neural tissues. |
| parlous | Fraught with danger. <i>The General's position was parlous.</i> |
| peril | A state of danger involving risk. <i>The movement is in peril of dying.</i> |
| perilous | Exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin. <i>A perilous voyage across the Atlantic in a small boat.</i> |
| perilously | In a way that is full of danger or risk. <i>Houses perched perilously on craggy outposts.</i> |
| pitfall | An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty. <i>The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.</i> |
| precarious | Not secure; beset with difficulties. <i>The precarious life of an undersea diver.</i> |
| radioactivity | The emission of ionizing radiation or particles caused by the spontaneous disintegration of atomic nuclei. <i>An escape of radioactivity.</i> |
| radium | 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. |
| risk | Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome. <i>Gloss paint can burn strongly and pose a fire risk.</i> |
| shaky | Unstable because of poor construction or heavy use. <i>A wobbly chair with shaky legs.</i> |
| shivering | Shaking slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold, frightened, or excited. <i>He bought a warm winter coat for a shivering 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**.*

