

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)

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.

<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.*

<u>hazardous</u>	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>
<u>insecure</u>	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>
<u>perilous</u>	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>
<u>pitfall</u>	An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty. <i>The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<u>precarious</u>	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>
<u>shaky</u>	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. <i>You will stunt your growth by building all these muscles.</i>
threatened	(of flora or fauna) likely in the near future to become endangered. <i>The spotted owl is a threatened species not yet an endangered one.</i>
<u>toxicity</u>	The quality of being very harmful or unpleasant in a pervasive or insidious way. <i>She went public with allegations of workplace toxicity and sexism.</i>
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. <i>Drinking water in some areas may be unsafe.</i>
volatility	Liability to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse. <i>The children have been exposed to the full force of her volatility.</i>

