

# Infection Prevention Power Tools

## Rank That Risk! Facilitator Guide



**Let's Get Started:** *Rank That Risk!* is an energizing group activity that sharpens risk assessment skills through lively discussion. You can review real-world infection prevention (IP) breaches and work together to rank them from lowest to highest risk.

**Supplies:** Pick one of the *Rank That Risk!* picture cards from the [VDH IP Training Power Tools website](#). There are multiple versions, pick a new set each session to keep things fresh.

### Step-by-Step Rank That Risk! Educator Guide

**Kick things off:** Introduce the activity and let everyone know the goal isn't to find the one "right" answer. Instead, it's about thinking critically, talking it out, and learning from each other.

1. **Individual ranking:** Hand out copies of the picture cards or provide on a screen large enough for everyone to see. Ask each everyone to privately rank the eight infection prevention breaches from lowest to highest risk either on their picture card or on scrap paper.
2. **Group discussion:** After individual rankings, everyone work in small or large groups (based on time) to create a shared list. Suggest they start by agreeing on the lowest and highest risk, then fill in the rest.
3. **Compare and reflect:** Invite a few groups to share their final rankings and walk through their reasoning. Highlight how risk perception can vary by role or setting.
4. **Wrap it up:** Emphasize how risk assessment helps prioritize infection prevention, especially when time or resources are limited. It's a skill that helps you make the best choice in everyday IPC scenarios.

### Engagement Boosters

- **Bonus breaches:** Toss in one or two new breaches after the group has ranked the main cards. For example, "A patient knocks over a full urine jug onto their bed" then ask where it fits in the risk lineup.
- **Build your own set:** Invite your team to create their own scenarios based on real-life IP challenges in their setting. This can boost relevance and ownership.
- **Early spark:** Use *Rank That Risk!* at the start of a meeting to get everyone thinking and talking right away.
- **Think fast:** Turn it into a timed challenge. Which group can reach consensus first and will defend their choices. Then you have a winner and someone willing to share first.
- **Reuse:** Laminating picture cards can conserve ink, and they can be used many times. They can use dry erase markers on the laminated cards to Rank that Risk!