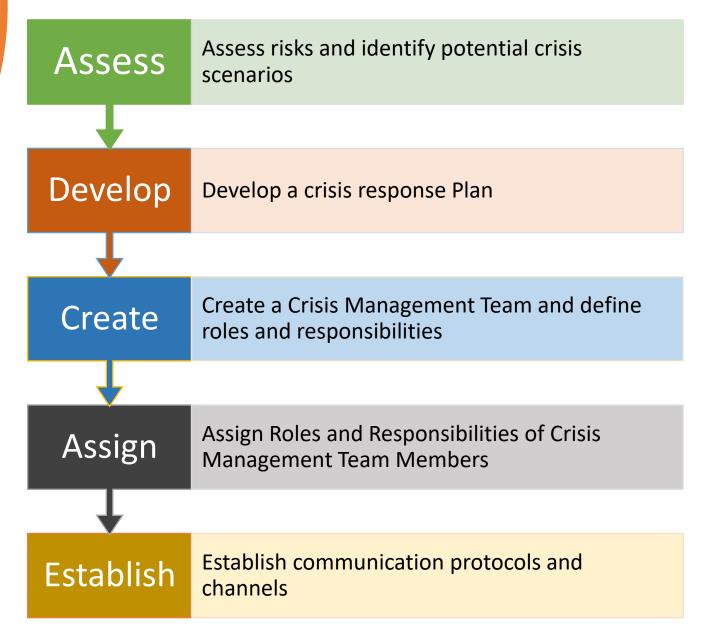
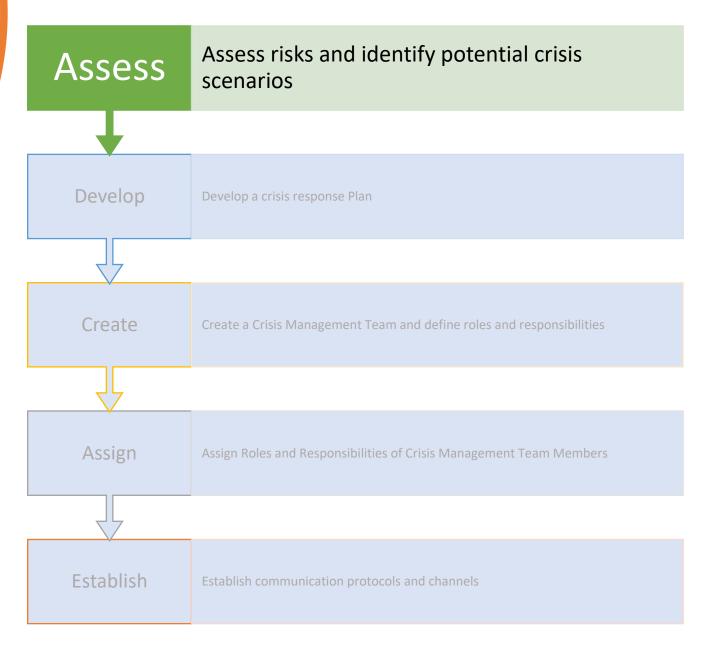


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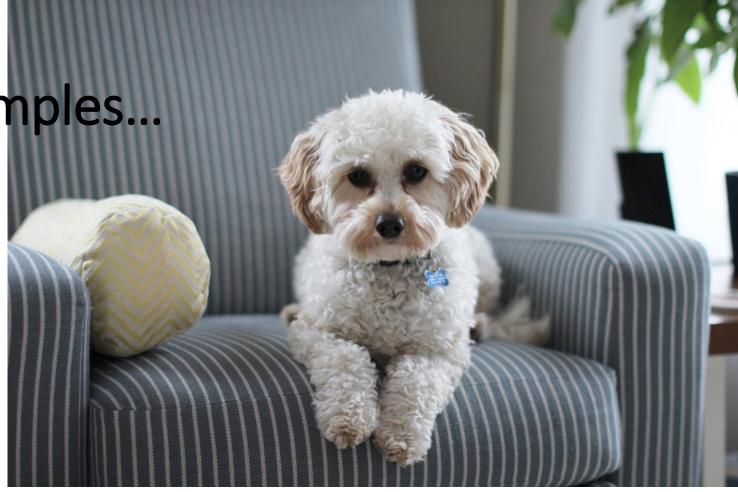


- The first step in identifying the risks a company faces is to define the risk universe. The risk universe is simply a list of all possible risks that can potentially impact your organization.
- During this step, you will brainstorm all the possible risks you can imagine across all of your systems, functions and processes and then prioritize them using different factors:
  - **Threats:** are events that could potentially harm the organization by intrusion, destruction, or disclosure.
  - Impact: is a measurement of how severe the harm to the organization would be if a particular vulnerability or threat is compromised.
  - <u>Likelihood</u>: is a measurement of the risk factor based on the probability of an attack on a specific vulnerability.



- What could happen? (Risk/Threat)
- 2. How could it happen? (Cause/Trigger)
- 3. What is the Probability? (likelihood)
- 4. What could be the consequences? (Impact)
- 5. Is there anything that can reduce likelihood or consequences? (Controls)

Let's see some examples...

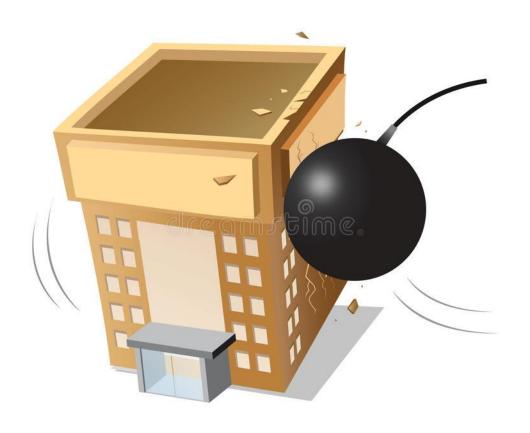


1. Natural Disasters

## **Examples:**

- Earthquake
- Tornados
- Floods
- Severe Weather
- Wildfires
- Hurricanes





## Example:

1	What could happen?	Risk	Office inaccessibility or unavailability Loss of staff Loss of/unavailability of key logistics or resources
2	How could it happen?	Cause	Hurricane, Flooding, Snow Storm, Wildfires, etc
3	What is the Probability?	likelihood	High, Medium, Low
4	What could be the consequences?	Impact	Operational: (operational downtime) Financial: (\$\$ loss of business) Reputational: customer complaints Legal/regulatory: contract breaches
5	Is there anything that can reduce likelihood or consequences?	Controls	Alternate location (Disaster recovery location) Standby outsource agreements Remote work

# Activity (1):

	Cyberattack	Software Failure	Loss of Key employee	Data Theft
What could happen? (Risk)				
➤ How could it happen? (Cause)				
What is the likelihood? (Probability)				
What could be the consequences? (Impact)				
Is there anything that could to reduce likelihood or consequences? (Controls)				

# Sources of Risk Identification

#### 1. Historical or evidence based method:

- 1.Audit or Incident reports
- Public media (newspaper, TV, social media, etc)
- 3.Annual reports or press releases.

## 2. Systematic identification:

- i.e Critical examination of business process to determine specific points of failure:
- 1. Vulnerability assessments
- Review of existing process manual and recovery / continuity plans
- Interviews and workshops with managers, SMEs customers,
   suppliers etc.

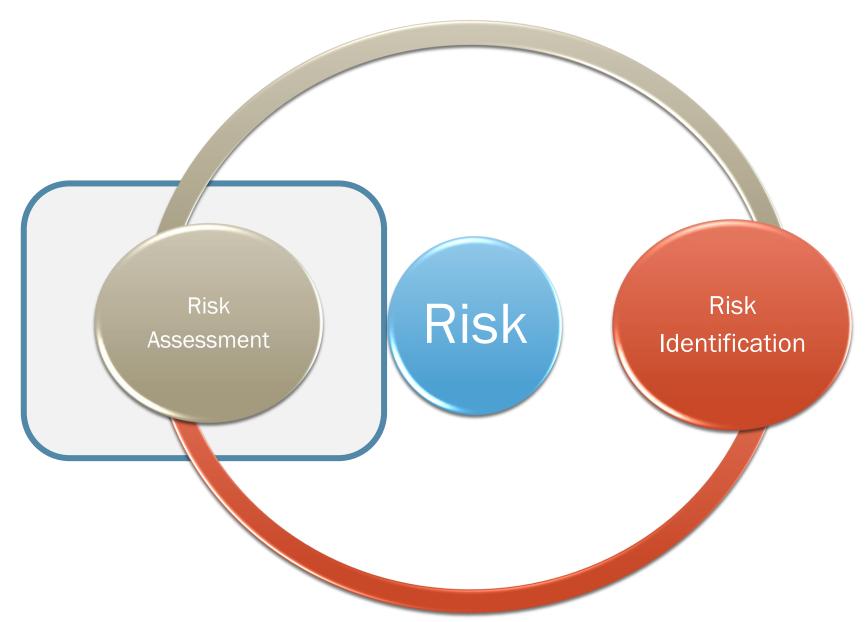
# Sources of Risk Identification

## Inductive methods (theoretical analysis)

- · Building plausible risk scenarios and challenge response plans
- Example: IT penetration testing (simulating a threat actor's behavior)

## Existing taxonomy:

Using existing risk library of relevant risks



# A) Identify probability limits/thresholds:

Probability / Likelihood / Frequency				
Probability	obability Description			
Rare	Once in > 20 years	1		
Infrequent	Infrequent Once in 10-20 years			
Decade	Decade At least once every 10 years			
Annual	Annual Once/Year			
Frequent	Frequent More than once/year			



## B) Identify Impact and assessment Criteria

## **Financial**

Numeric \$ %

# Quantitative Qualitative

## **Examples:**

- Profit \$\$
- Losses \$\$
- Expenses SS
- Profit %

### **Examples:**

Reputational risk

**Non-Financial** 

Very High

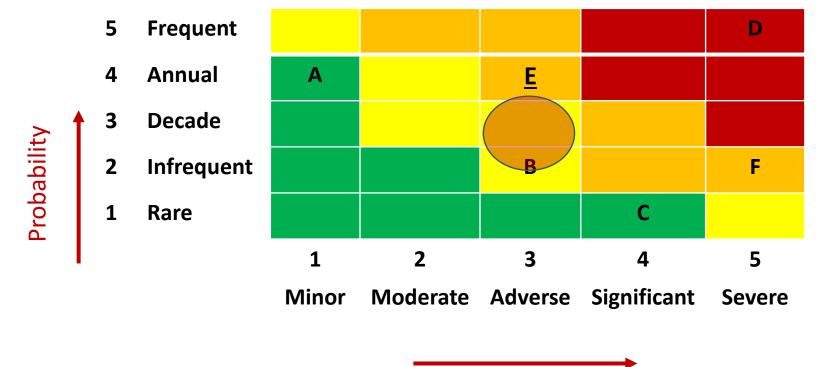
High

Medium

Low

# Identify impact limits/thresholds:

Consequences (12 months)						
	Score	Financial	Non-Financial			
Impact			Customer/Operational	Reputational	Legal/Regulatory	
Minor	1	< \$100K	Risk confined to 1 customer	Minor impact (client complains)	Requires regulatory notification only	
Moderate	2	\$101 - 500M			Minor fine	
Adverse	3	\$ 501 - 1 M	Risk affects a specific group	Mass social media spread	Risk can result in substantial regulatory fine	
Significant	4	\$ 1.1 - 3 M			Regulatory breach, substantial fine is inevitable	
Severe	5	\$ 3M	Risk impacts all customers	Global wide-spread scandal	Risk can result in license suspension	



Low	Medium	High	Critical
1-4	5-9	10-15	16-25

Consequences

#### **Inherent Risk**

Risk	Prob.	Impact	Risk Score
Α	4	1	4
В	2	3	6
С	1	4	4
D	5	5	25
E	4	3	12
F	2	5	10

#### Operational Risk Universe:

Natural Disasters

Earthquake

**Tornados** 

Floods

Severe Weather

Wildfires

Hurricanes

Political

Strikes

Riots

**Civil Disruption** 

**Bomb Threat** 

Act of war

<u>Man-Made</u>

Fraud/Theft

Workplace violence

Sexual Harassment

Terrorist Attack

Product tampering

Sabotage

<u>**Technological**</u>

Software Failure

Hardware Failure

Power outage

Data corruption

Comms failure

Systems failure

Security

Privacy

Viruses

Hackers

Data Theft

Cyberattack

Ransomware

<u>Accidents</u>

Human error

Fires/Explosions

Water Damage

**Building Collapse** 

Environmental

Contamination

Loss of

Key employee

Key Leader

SME

Supplier/Vendor

Premises

Key system/Eqip.

Other

**Pandemics** 

Media Crisis

Resources' shortage

Regulatory issues

## **Activity**





List your top 5 key risks that represent a threat to your organization, arrange them in order of highest priority or highest perceived impact.

Across each risk, describe how it would impact your business

# NEXT LECTURE..

Step 2: Develop a crisis response Plan

