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Risk management — Guidelines

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What It Covers

Principles, a framework and a process for managing risk of any kind, at any level of an organization.

Who It Applies To

Any organization, as the common reference for enterprise risk management.

Key Requirements

- Eight principles, led by integration into everything the organization does.
- A framework of leadership, integration, design, implementation, evaluation, and improvement.
- A process: scope and criteria, assessment (identify, analyze, evaluate), treatment, monitoring, recording, and reporting.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- The risk criteria, and how a recent decision used them.

Where Systems Fall Short

- A risk register maintained by one function and read by no other.

How QES helps. Through QES's risk and cybersecurity partner: enterprise risk management that the quality system can draw on. Meet the risk and cybersecurity partner: qesisbest.com/team.html#partners · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

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