



# PRACTICAL APPROACH TO MANAGING RISK

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# TAKING RISK

There's a fine line between taking a calculated risk and doing something dumb.

# ROLE OF IT IN MANAGING RISK AT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP & GETTING STARTED

- ALL PURCHASES MUST BE APPROVED BY IT
- PROPER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE VETTING, FOR COMPATIBILITY AND RISK
- VIGILANT PATCHING
- INVESTMENT IN IT STAFF AND TRAINING
- EDUCATION OF STAFF, CYBER S.A.F.E PROGRAM



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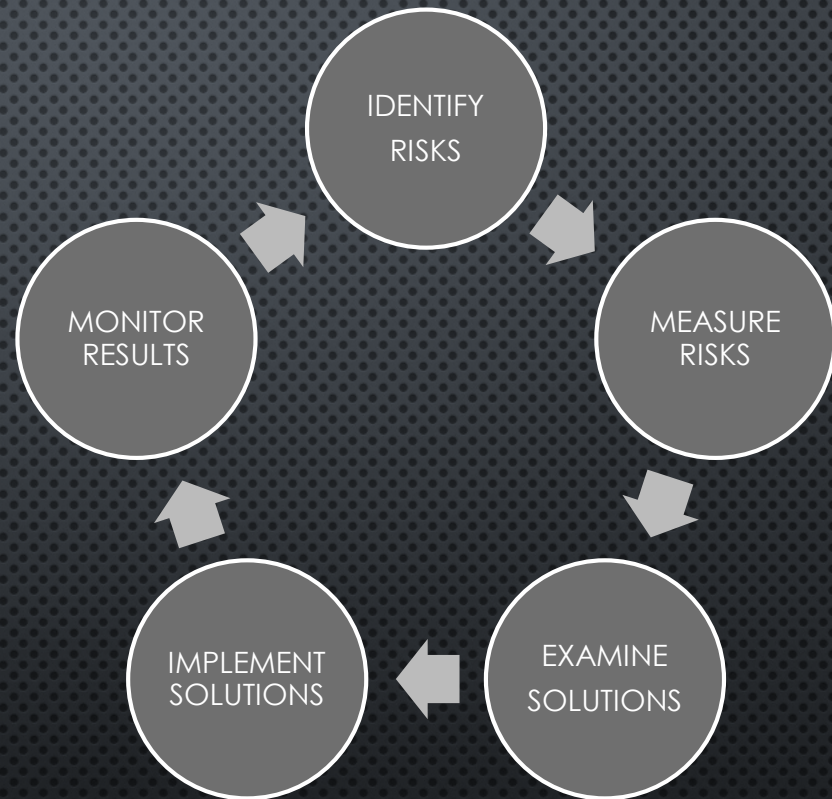
- IT'S A MARATHON NOT A RACE AND THERE IS NO FINISH LINE
- START SOMEWHERE, QUICK WINS THAT ARE HIGH IMPACT LIKE A RIGOROUS PATCHING SCHEDULE
- RISK THE INVESTMENT OF AN AUDIT, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW, THIS WILL CREATE A ROADMAP. IDEALLY SHOULD BE DONE SEMI-ANNUALLY
- TEAM APPROACH WITH PURCHASING: CURRICULUM->IT->BUSINESS OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION
- DELAY PURCHASES, IF POSSIBLE, UNTIL THE RIGHT INVESTMENT CAN BE FUNDED

# RISK MANAGEMENT

*STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE IS MUCH MORE COST  
EFFECTIVE THAN GETTING OUT OF TROUBLE*



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# WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CAN'T AFFORD SOLUTIONS

- INFORM THE BOARD OF THE RISKS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS
- DEVELOP A MULTI-YEAR PLAN TO ATTAIN THE SOLUTION NEEDED