



Security Compliance

...from Planning to Practice

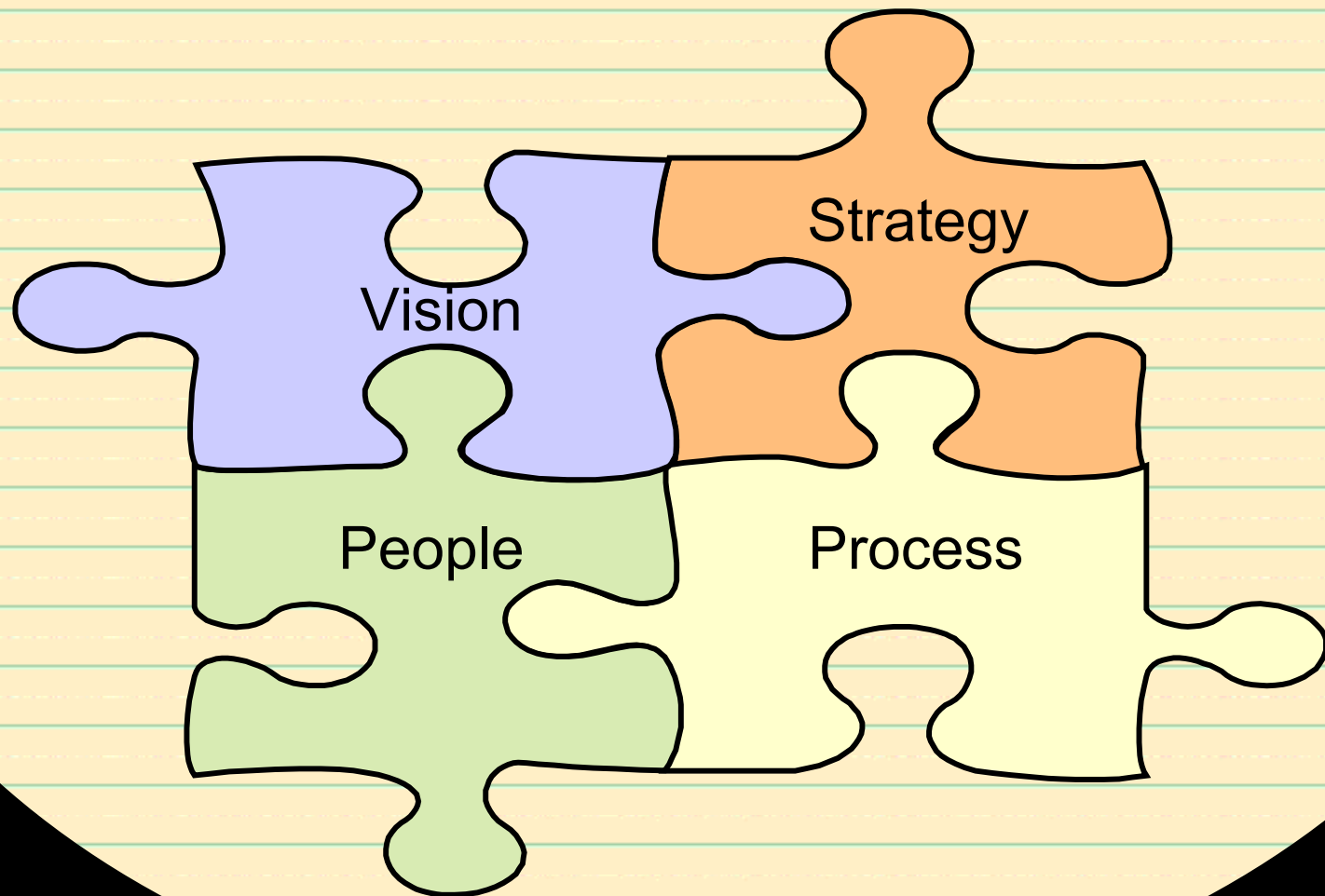
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Accomplishing the Goal



Vision

- Security Compliance

Risk Assessment is the first step towards
Security Compliance



Understanding the Challenge

The Strategy – Risk Assessment

- Identification of systems, key stakeholders, and associated information related to e-phi within the organization.
- Design a strategy to inventory all systems that maintain or transmit e-phi.
- Develop and disseminate a data collection tool that details the systems, users, and information.
- Analyze the data.



The Goal of the Analysis Process

- Protect the organization and its ability to perform its mission.
 - IT assets facilitate our mission
 - The process should NOT be treated primarily as a technical function but rather as an *essential management function of the organization*.

NIST – SP800-30 (as referenced in the security rule)



Defining the People/Players

Who are they?

- Leadership Support/Sponsor
- Steering Committee -Leadership Group
- Key Stakeholders – System Owners
- Risk Assessment Team



The Structure - Hybrid

- Decentralized IT Structure
- Decentralized Clinical Departments
- Decentralized Medical Records
- Research – Outside of the Covered Entity



Planning Considerations

Types of Risk Assessments

Quantitative vs. Qualitative



Quantitative Risk Assessment

- Main Advantage
 - Provides specific quantifiable measurements of the magnitude of the impacts which can be used in a cost benefit analysis of the recommended controls.
- Main Disadvantage
 - Values must be assigned to the assets and determining accurate values may be difficult.



Qualitative Risk Assessment

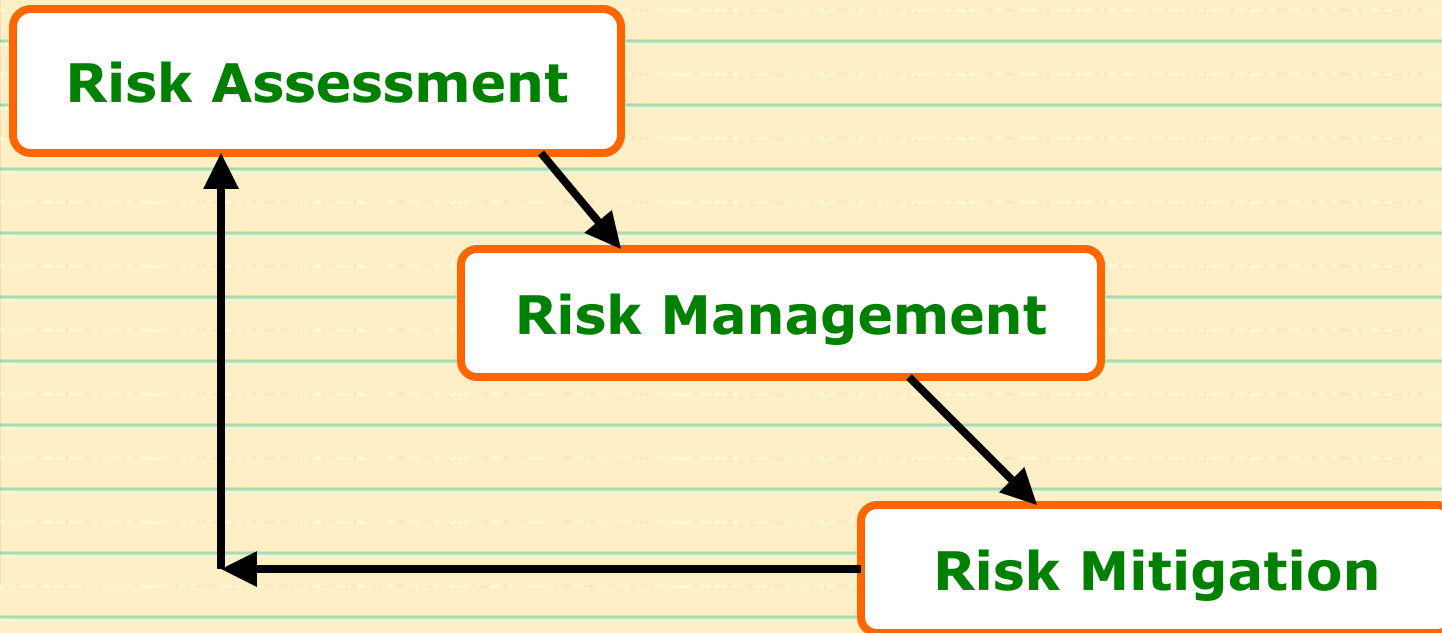
- Main Advantage
 - Prioritizes the risk and identifies the areas for immediate improvement.
- Main Disadvantage
 - Does not provide specific quantifiable measurements of the magnitude of the impacts, therefore, making a cost benefit analysis of any recommended controls difficult.



Risk Analysis

3 Phase Approach

A Continuous Process



Defining the Phases of Risk Analysis

Risk Assessment - Determine the hazards, the exposure and characterizing the risk to the organization

Risk Management – Analyze and select the policies and control alternatives based on the risk assessment findings.

Risk Mitigation – Implement the selected policies and controls and subsequently monitor their application.



Risks to Covered Entity

- Permanent loss or corruption of EPHI
- Temporary loss or unavailability of medical records
- Loss of financial cash flow
- Unauthorized access to or disclosure of EPHI
- Loss of physical assets
- Damage to reputation and public confidence
- Threats to patient safety
- Threats to employee safety



PRIORTIZATION OF RISK

....as defined by Leadership

- Patient Care Impact
- Financial Loss
- Legal Implication Loss
- Loss of Reputation



The Roll-out

- Embarked on Quantitative Risk Assessment
- Unable to readily obtain necessary values to incorporate into the analysis
- Changed gears and moved towards Qualitative Risk Assessment



Current Status

- Enlisted all key system owners for data collection purposes
- Obtained information related to systems with E-phi
- Prioritization of Systems based on Leadership Priorities
- Expanded infrastructure



Living and Learning

- Garner leadership support
- Encourage Buy-in from Key Stakeholders
- Use HIPAA for Continuous Process Improvement
- Look at HIPAA in a positive realm and use it as a catalyst to effectuate change



Questions????

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UNDERSTANDING THE KEY ELEMENTS OF RISK ANALYSIS TO MEET THE HIPAA FINAL SECURITY RULE

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**RISK ANALYSIS IS A MANAGEMENT TOOL –
IT ELEVATES THE SECURITY FUNCTION UP
TO THE BOARD ROOM**

**“IF YOU CAN’T MEASURE IT,
YOU CAN’T MANAGE IT!”**

--Peter Drucker



5 STEPS IN THE HIPAA SECURITY RISK ANALYSIS

- Define & value all assets
- Analyze Existing Threats
- Survey personnel to discover vulnerabilities in handling protected electronic health information.
- Analyze the data.
- Write the report.



***ALL SECURITY RISK ANALYSIS
ELEMENTS COME FROM GOVERNMENT
AND AUDIT GUIDELINES***

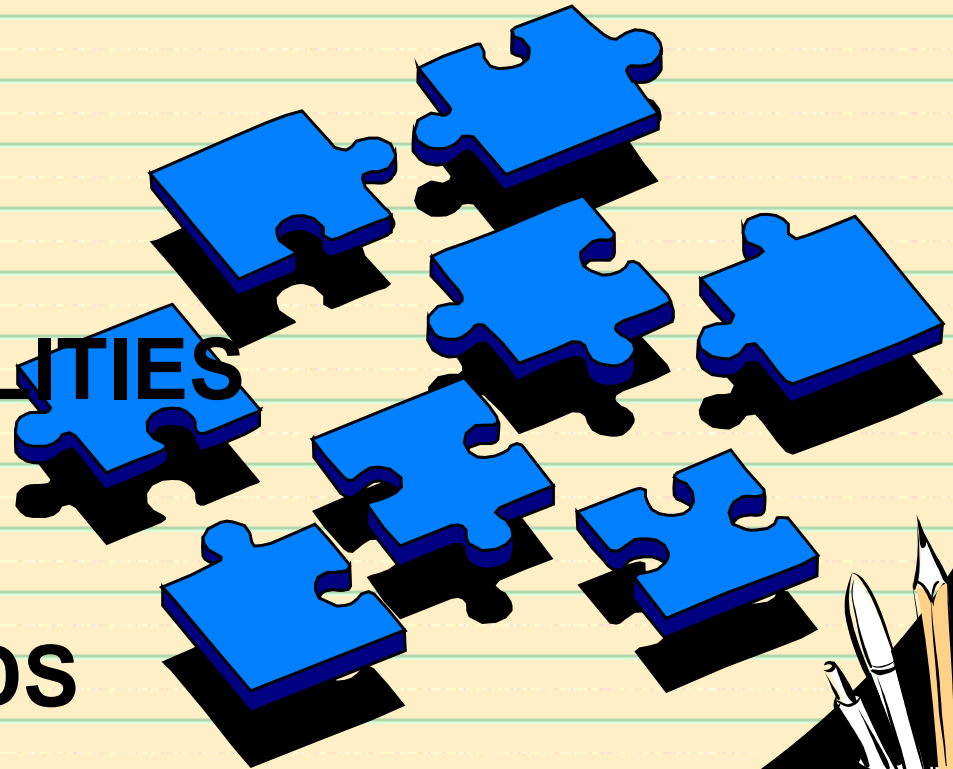
ASSETS

THREATS

VULNERABILITIES

LOSSES

SAFEGUARDS



SAMPLE ASSET CATEGORIES

Applications

Clinical Staff

**Communication
Systems**

Data Centers

Databases

E-Health Info

Electrical Power

Facilities

Hardware

Medical Records

Networks

Monitoring Equipment

Patients

Personnel

Pharmacy

Security Systems

Software

System Software



THREAT INFORMATION

- ***Quantified threat data is hard to find.***
- Categories of Threats:
 - Natural Disasters, Criminal Activity
 - Malicious Code, Hackers, Fraud
- Includes collected data from Web Sources, government data, weather data, crime casts, global info services, access control systems, incident logs.
- You can customize with data from internally collected sources



**STANDARD AND LOCAL THREAT DATA
FREQUENCY ESTIMATES
PER ORGANIZATION PER YEAR**

Selected Threats	LAFE	SAFE
Biological Contamination	0.05	0.05
Budget Loss	0.50	0.50
Cold/Frost/Snow	5.00	5.00
Communication Loss	300.00	100.00
Competition	5.00	5.00
Data Destruction	20.00	20.00
Data Disclosure	12.00	3.00
Data Integrity Loss	30.00	3.00
Electromagnetic Interference	5.00	5.00
Errors, General/All	150.00	150.00
Fire, Catastrophic	0.01	0.01
Fire, False Alarm	2.00	2.00
Fire, Major	0.05	0.05



Finding Vulnerabilities Through Electronic Surveys – Finding out how people do their jobs

- Surveying the entire organization
- Using a non-threatening scientific approach
- Must include complete audit trails
- Should include different levels of the organizations



ANALYZE POTENTIAL LOSS CATEGORIES

- **Delays and Denials of Service**
- **Disclosure of PHI**
- **Direct Loss (Computers Destroyed)**
- **Regulatory Fines (Liability)**
- **Modification of Data**
- **Reputation (Credibility)**
- **Direct Related (Sum of the Above)**



HIPAA-REQUIRED SAFEGUARD CATEGORIES

Safeguards

- ☒ Contract Specifications
- ☒ Data Backup/Recovery
- ☒ Data Encryption
- ☒ **Data Segregation**
- ☒ Detection System
- ☒ Disaster Recovery Plan
- ☒ Documentation
- ☒ Electrical Power
- ☒ Emergency Mode Operation Plan
- ☒ Fire Suppression

View/Print

Add

Modify

Delete

Help

Data Segregation Definition

DATA SEGREGATION - Refers to the procedure of separating protected health information (PHI), Privacy Act data, proprietary data, etc. from all other information in order to guard against



Linking Relationships

Asset

Applications

Databases

PHI

Medical
Records

Hardware

System

Software

Loss

Delays &
Denials

Fines

Disclosure

Modification

Direct Loss

Threat

Disclosure

Hackers

Fraud

Viruses

Network Attack

Loss of Data

Embezzlement

Vulnerability

Acceptable Use

Disaster Recovery

Authentication

Network Controls

No Security Plan

Accountability

Privacy

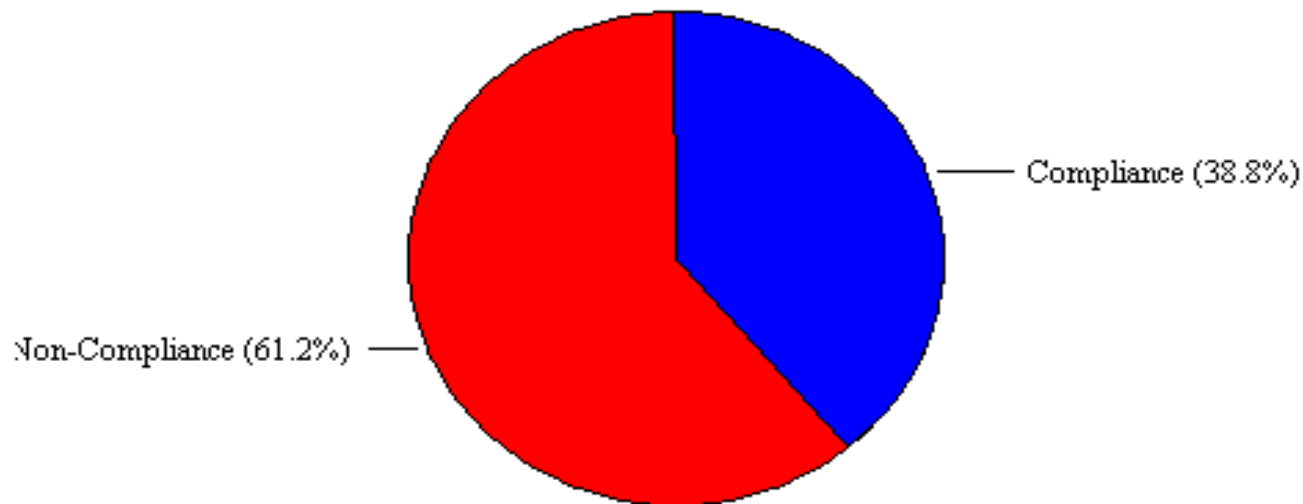
Access Control

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Asset} * \text{Loss} * \text{Threat} * \text{Vulnerability}$$

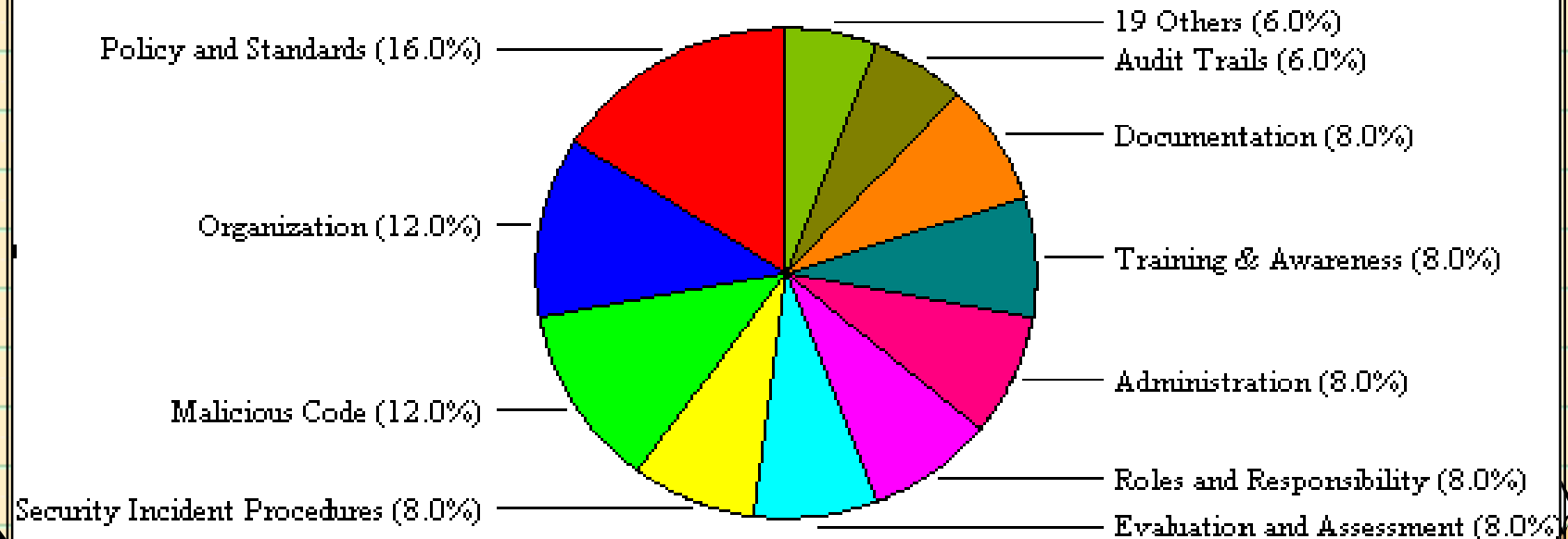


HOW TO ILLUSTRATE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS FOR MANAGEMENT

OVERALL COMPLIANCE VS. NON-COMPLIANCE



Vulnerability Distribution Report Indicates Weak Security Areas By Category and Backed up by Audit Trails

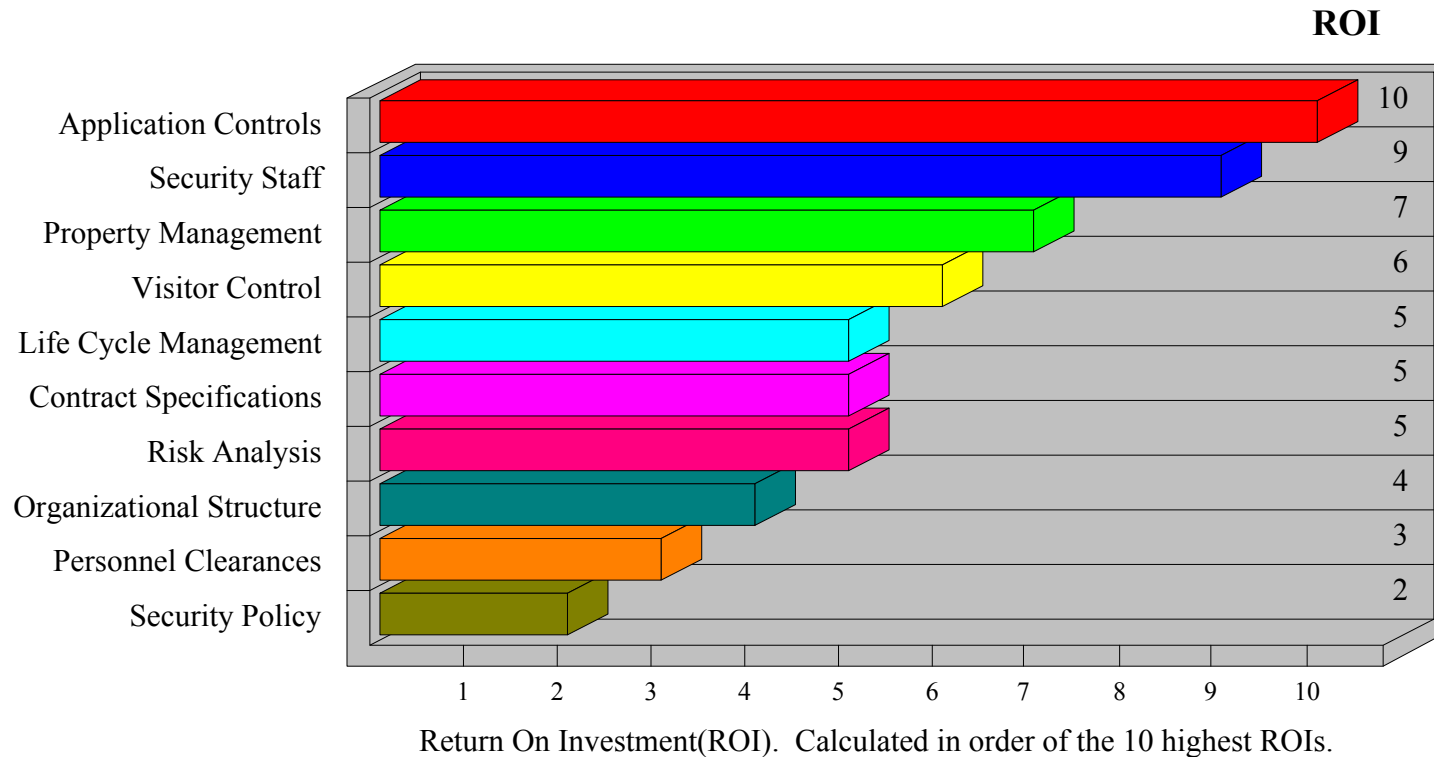


How To Calculate Return on Investment

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| 1. Finish Disaster Recovery Plan | 2000:1 |
| 2. Finish the Security Plan | 1200:1 |
| 3. Distribute Security Policy | 943:1 |
| 4. Mandatory Security Training | 75:1 |



RISK ANALYSIS REPORTING RECOMMENDED CONTROLS BY RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)



USING COLLECTED DATA TO BENCHMARK HEALTHCARE RISKS

- **By Hospital, by Systems, by Business Unit, by Region**
- **Common standards, terms and definitions**
- **Use for budgeting purposes --- determining 'reasonable precautions' --- 'as good as'**



THE BOTTOM LINE

***The Risk Analysis Process means
Ongoing Compliance Measurement and Validation***

- **Data Security/Privacy regulations in Healthcare will continue to increase.**
- **The Risk Analysis is a key to demonstrating on-going HIPAA compliance**
- **Properly done, a risk analysis will credibly measure HIPAA compliance, identify vulnerabilities, justify capital improvements and focus & prioritize the security budget.**



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