

The Issue

Information Risk covers risks in the management and distribution of information both inside and outside an organisation. In brief, its basic objectives are:

Confidentiality: Making sure that only people who should be able to access information may do so

Integrity: Ensuring that all information is accurate, and stored and communicated correctly

Accountability: Ensuring that changes to information are identified, so that they can be accounted for

Availability: Making sure that information is accessible in a timely manner whenever it is needed

Despite the requirements of the Data Protection Act and BS7799/ISO 17799, most UK organisations have failed to implement a comprehensive Information Risk Management policy. There are several reasons for this:

- Many lack the ability to create such a policy
- Implicit assumptions by policy designers may mean that sources of risk get overlooked or ignored
- Staff see implementation as complex, inconvenient or intrusive, and so seek to bypass the policy
- Practical implementation often fails to cover the threats that may actually be encountered
- Where a policy does exist, it is often over-rigid and fails to adapt to change
- Many see Information Risk solely as a function of their IT department, and so fail to integrate it with their other risk management processes.

The idRisk Solution

We can help you to manage security and reduce information risk across a wide range of issues, including:

- Personnel security, including fraud
- Computer and network management
- System access control
- System development and maintenance
- Business continuity planning
- Compliance

Our consultants also have a unique knowledge of the following areas:

- BS7799/ISO17799
- Open source systems
- Windows systems
- A wide range of industry-specific backgrounds

Your advantage is our ability to provide IT information risk, general business information risk and all other forms of risk management.

Key Questions

Do you have a full information risks / information security policy that meets BS7799/ISO17799?

- If so, when did you last have it reviewed?
- How do you ensure that it integrates with the rest of the business risks?
- How do you ensure that it covers all your information management, and not just those areas directly managed by IT?