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Project Risk Register

The single live record of what could go wrong on a project: each risk scored, owned, answered with a response, and reviewed on a stated date.

Item	Detail
Project	[Project name]
Document	[Title of this document]
Prepared by	[Name and role of the person who prepared this document]
Project manager	[Name and role of the project manager]
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Date of this document	[Date of this document]
Version	[Version number of this document]
Review frequency	[How often this register is reviewed]
Last review date	[Date this register was last reviewed]
Next review date	[Date this register is next due for review]

1. Summary

Summary measure	Count	Note
Risks recorded	[Number of risks recorded in this register]	[Note on risks recorded]
Open risks	[Number of open risks]	[Note on open risks]
Risks with a high score	[Number of risks with a high score]	[Note on high-scoring risks]

Risks closed since the last review	[Number of risks closed since the last review]	[Note on risks closed]

2. Scoring scales

Score each risk by multiplying likelihood by impact. A score of 1 to 4 is low, 5 to 9 is medium, 10 to 16 is high, and 17 to 25 is severe. Score before the response, then score again after it, so the effect of the response is visible.

Score	Likelihood meaning	Impact meaning
1	Very unlikely	Trivial effect on time, cost, scope or quality
2	Unlikely	Minor effect, absorbed within tolerance
3	Possible	Moderate effect, needs a recovery action
4	Likely	Major effect on dates, cost or a deliverable
5	Very likely	Severe effect, threatening the project outcome

Response strategies: avoid the risk by changing the plan; mitigate it by reducing its likelihood or its impact; transfer it, for instance through insurance or contracting; or accept it consciously, with a contingency ready.

3. Risk register

Risk ID	Risk description (cause and effect)	Category	Likelihood (1-5)	Impact (1-5)	Score	Owner	Response strategy	Response actions	Contingency	Trigger	Status	Date raised	Last reviewed
[Risk ID]	[Description of the risk: cause and effect in one	[Category of this risk]	[Likelihood score for this risk]	[Impact score for this risk]	[Score for this risk]	[Name and role of the owner of this risk]	[Response strategy for this risk]	[Response actions for this risk]	[Contingency if this risk occurs]	[Trigger that shows this risk is about to occur]	[Status of this risk]	[Date this risk was raised]	[Date this risk was last reviewed]

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[Risk ID]	[Description of the risk: cause and effect in one sentence]	[Category of this risk]	[Likelihood score for this risk]	[Impact score for this risk]	[Score for this risk]	[Name and role of the owner of this risk]	[Response strategy for this risk]	[Response actions for this risk]	[Contingency if this risk occurs]	[Trigger that shows this risk is about to occur]	[Status of this risk]	[Date this risk was raised]	[Date this risk was last reviewed]
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4. Review log

Each review records what changed, so the register stays a live working record rather than a list written once and forgotten.

Review date	Reviewed by	Risks reviewed	Decisions and changes made
[Date of this review]	[Name and role of the person who reviewed this register]	[Risk IDs reviewed in this review]	[Decisions and changes made in this review]
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