Risk assessment guide

A working companion to the European Technology Risk Assessment, for the £1,500 assessment.

The framework itself is free to download. This sheet is the short version of what changes when it is applied to your firm: what we work through, what to have ready, and what you get at the end.

What to have ready

Nothing needs writing up first. If you know it, we can capture it in the session. It helps to have:

- the person who can answer for each area, or knows who can;
- what you actually run: connectivity, email, cloud services, the systems on the shop floor or the front desk, and the devices people carry;
- your main suppliers, and what you would do if one stopped tomorrow;
- who can spend money without calling a meeting;
- any question an insurer, a board or a customer has already put to you.

The five areas we work through

1. What you depend on. Connectivity, energy, cloud, hardware, transport. Which of these, if it stopped, stops you, and who is the single point of failure.

2. The internet core you rent. Routing, domain names and certificates. Who controls your domain, and what happens the day it will not renew.

3. Artificial intelligence and your firm. Where AI is already in use, yours or a supplier's, what it can reach, and what you would do if it gave a wrong answer confidently.

4. Your suppliers. Who you rely on, what they hold, what the contract lets you do, and how you would leave. For each critical supplier: is there a second source, and how long to switch.

5. What you do when it breaks. The plan, the incident one-pager, who decides, and the remediation list with owners, dates and costs.

What you get

- The framework worked through for your firm, area by area.
- A written assessment, normally 15 to 30 pages, with findings ranked by likelihood and impact.
- A one-page summary a board, an insurer or a customer can read in two minutes.
- A walkthrough, so the document gets used rather than filed.
- A remediation plan with owners, dates and costs; a supplier and exit list; your incident one-pager; and a date to look again.
- A note of what was out of scope.
- A document you own.

What this is not

Not a penetration test. Not a certification. Not a build. It is assessment and advice, and then you own the next step.

Price and next step

£1,500 fixed fee, payable on delivery. No subscription and no retainer. Remote, or on-site in the North East.

To start, tell me the question you need answered, and I will tell you whether this is the right way to answer it.