

Building a risk management approach for state government

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NASCA risk management survey



Case study: WV Board of Risk and Insurance Management



How states can leverage Enterprise Risk Management



Discussion

McKinsey & Company and NASCA partnered to offer the 2nd Annual Business of Running State Government Operations survey and report



Purpose

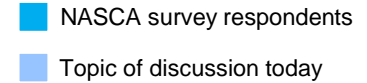
- Provide government leaders with a robust set of data and insights to:
 - Compare each state’s practices to peers
 - Inform forward-looking strategic decisions for state agencies



Methodology

- Survey NASCA member states to understand their priorities and best practices in selected topic areas
- Convene a working group of CAO members to provide analysis and insights
- Draw on McKinsey and NASCA knowledge and expertise to highlight best practices and action steps

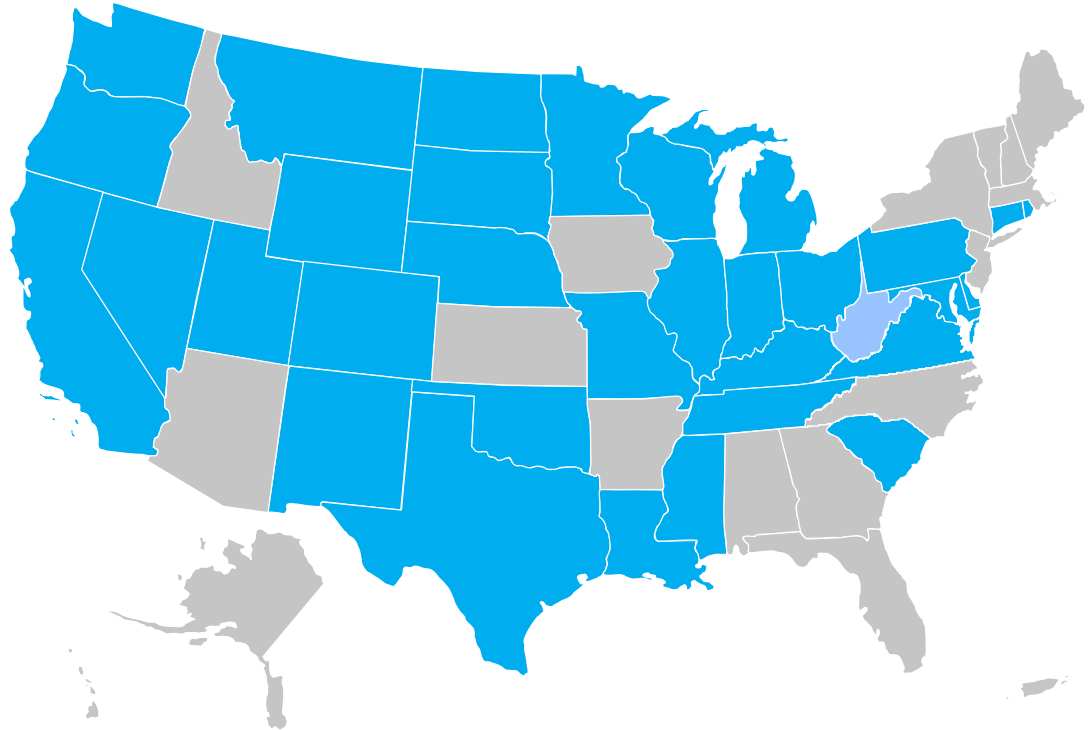
33 states participated in the survey between May and July 2019



Survey Overview

Focus areas included three top priorities for CAOs:

- Digital Government
- Real Estate & Facilities Management
- Risk Management



There is a wide range of approaches to risk management, dependent on a state's governance structure and risk exposure

X % of states

4 most common risk management archetypes



Risk Owner

Centralized risk management authority
Regularly evaluate and update enterprise risk management strategy



Risk Responder

No central authority, each agency responsible for risk management
Risk evaluation by topic, no holistic review



Risk Collaborator

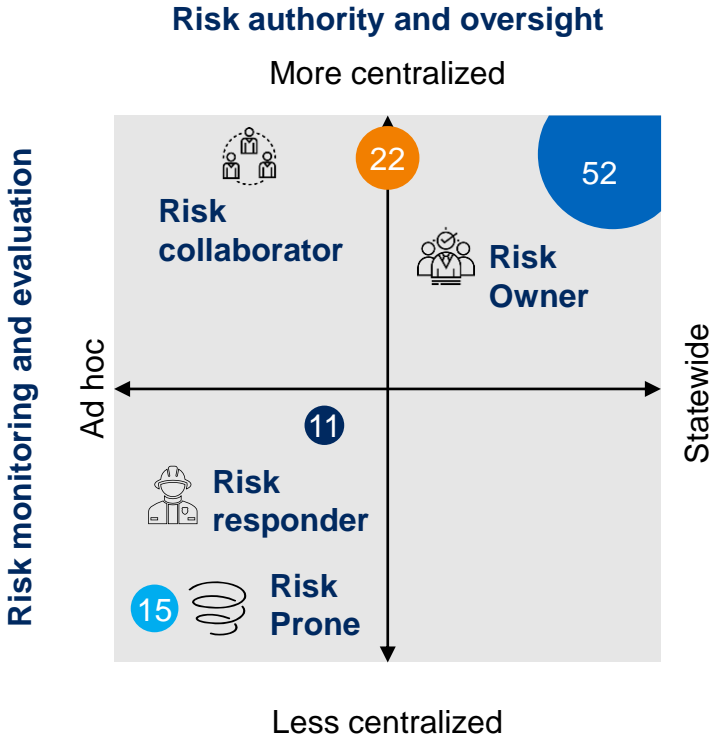
Centralized risk management authority
Risks evaluated at agency level, rather than across state



Risk Prone

No central risk management authority
No risk management strategy to be evaluated

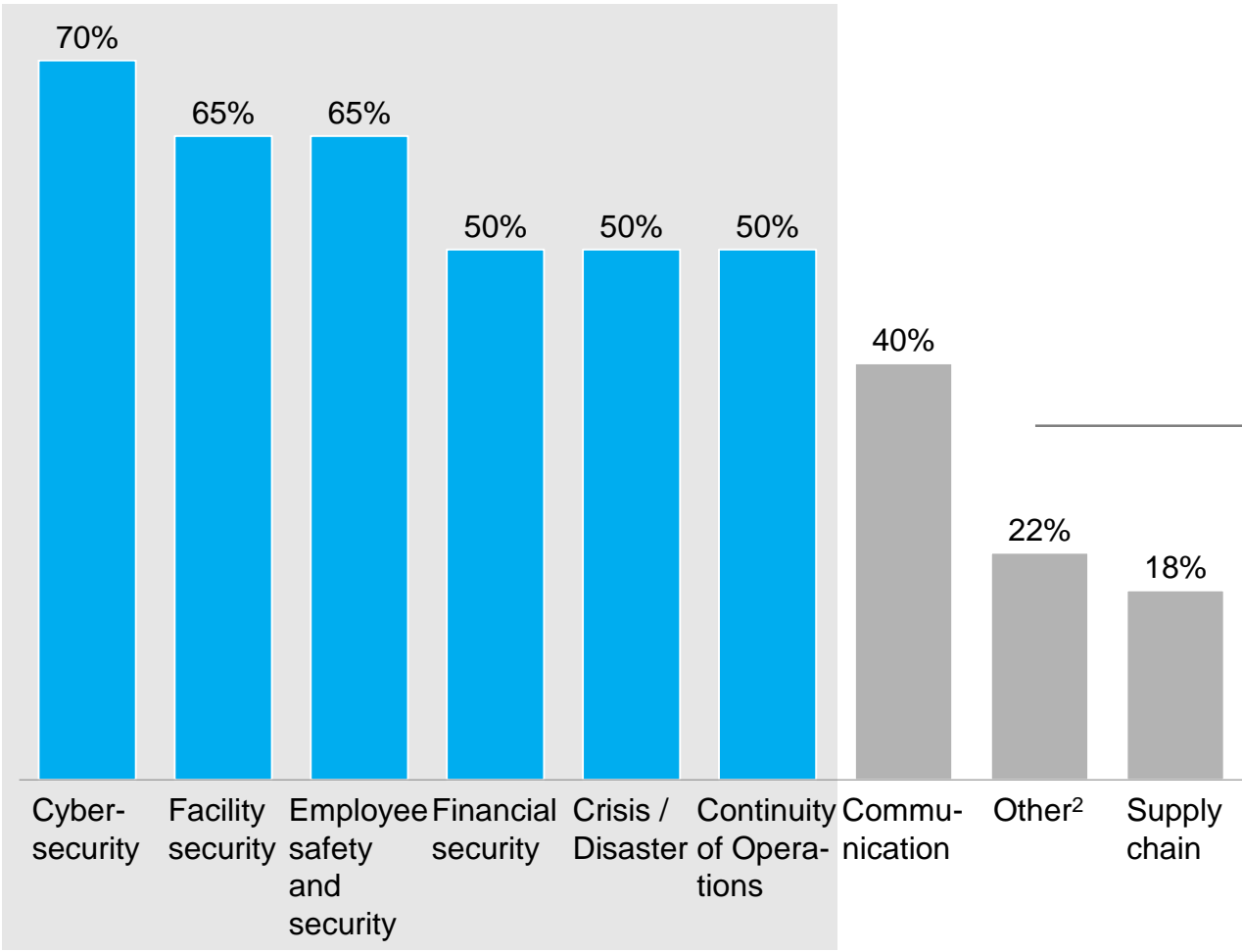
States should put in place a risk management strategy and ownership approach; "risk prone" states can begin by addressing overarching governance questions



CAOs are responsible for critical risk management topics, including cyber, facilities, employee safety and security, and crisis response

■ In majority of CAO portfolios

Percent of CAOs¹ responsible for risk management topic



Key observations:

- 1. Most states have not defined the **full taxonomy** of potential risks or prioritize those where the state has the **highest exposure and faces the greatest potential impact**
- 2. Many states have not designated an official responsible for overseeing risks; CAOs should consider **broadening risk management portfolios** or seeking the **appointment of a chief risk officer**
- 3. Where CAOs are not responsible for comprehensive risk oversight, they can do more to support fellow state leaders by **ensuring there is robust communication and coordination across agencies**

1. Count, n=27 2. Human resource and civil rights complaints, insurance contracts and claims, workers' compensation, etc.

Core take-aways on enterprise risk management for state leaders

- State should **strengthen enterprise risk management (ERM)**, rather than focus on **“box checking” compliance or audit exercises**
- CAOs should find ways to **detect emerging risks and blind spots**, leveraging innovations in analytics before risks become full-blown crises
- **Addressing mindsets, behaviors, and other cultural factors is mission critical** for having robust risk management
- States can **strengthen muscle memory** to build situational awareness, anticipate the worst, and build capability for quick recovery
- No single state or city across the country has done risk management uniformly well – CAOs will need to **adopt best practices and lessons-learned from both public and private sectors**

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West Virginia Code § 29-12-1 states in part:

“...good business and insurance practices and principles necessitate the centralization of responsibility for the purchase, control and supervision of insurance coverage on all state properties, activities and responsibilities and the cooperation and coordination of all state officials, departments and employees in the development and success of such centralized state insurance program.”

West Virginia's Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) provides centralized services for the state

Sixty years ago, the West Virginia Legislature recognized that centralized/shared services are best for certain specialized functions requiring specific knowledge and expertise.

It would be costly, inefficient, and not in the best interests of the state or its citizens for every agency to decide if it required insurance, types/coverages needed, appropriate contract terms, etc.

The focus of BRIM's staff is to understand insurance markets, insurance products and services, and the most effective ways to minimize or transfer risk.

In the absence of BRIM's Centralized Services...

A "Patchwork" Approach to Insurance Products and Services

- Redundancy
- Inefficiency
- Higher cost
- Lack of predictability and budget stability
- Inability to effectively coordinate risk management "best practices"
- Legal uncertainty

BRIM is overseen by a Five Member Board

Board members must meet these qualifications

- Four members are appointed by the Governor and must be a West Virginia resident, and have experience in law, accounting, business, insurance, or actuarial science.
- The fifth member is the Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences of the WV Higher Education Policy Commission.
- The Insurance Commissioner serves without vote.

BRIM employs 26 people in the following areas

- Claims (7); Underwriting (5); Loss Control (5); Finance (4); Privacy Office (3); and Executive (2).
- Over half of BRIM staff have earned and maintain professional qualifications and appropriate certifications and licenses.
- BRIM employs a Chief Financial Officer and is independently audited annually.

BRIM's Insurance Program

BRIM Coverages

- Commercial General Liability
- Personal Injury Liability
- Professional Liability
- Stop Gap Liability
- Wrongful Act Liability
- Auto Liability (incl heavy equipment) and Physical Damage
- Cyber Liability
- BOE Excess Liability
- Aviation Coverage
- Statutory Bond
- Boiler & Machine Coverage
- First Party Property Coverage

BRIM's Insurance Program

- Some coverage is provided through “manuscript” policies, which are custom-designed by BRIM to best serve the state’s needs.
- BRIM is often able to secure multiple-year pricing, saving money in the long run by controlling costs in markets experiencing cyclical fluctuation or responding to catastrophic weather events.
- Annual premium to fund each policy year is determined by independent actuaries.
- There is no unfunded liability in the program.

BRIM Insures State Agencies and “Senate Bill 3” Entities

- BRIM insures over 160 state agencies, boards, and commissions.
- BRIM insures over 950 entities in its Public Entities Insurance Program, commonly referred to as the “SB 3” program.

SB 3 Eligible Entities include

Political Subdivisions, Charitable Organizations, Public Service Organizations, and Emergency Medical Services Agencies

- Boards of Education
- County Commissions
- Cities and Towns
- Transit and Housing Authorities
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- For-Profit Ambulances
- Public Service Districts
- Solid Waste Authorities
- Not for Profit Health Clinics
- Public Defenders
- Other Not for Profit Entities

BRIM's Underwriting Department

BRIM's Underwriting Department works closely with independent actuaries to develop renewal premiums for our insured.

Premiums are allocated among BRIM insured after actuarial analysis of five-year claim loss data for each insured, exposure information provided by the insured, and consideration of administrative expenses.

Annual coverage renewal questionnaires

- Annually, our insured must update exposure information maintained by the Underwriting Department.
- Exposure information, used for renewal premium allocations and rating, includes:
 - General information, e.g. name, address, contacts
 - Vehicle exposures
 - Agency personnel, including officers and directors
 - Various liability exposures, e.g. fairs, carnivals, rodeos, patient encounters
 - Property structures and contents
 - Medical services by type of physician

Loss Control Department Mission

To provide BRIM's insured with tools to prevent or minimize claims through the following programs

- Loss Control Consultation Visits
- Property & Casualty Insurance Loss Prevention Inspections
- Boiler, Machinery & Air Conditioning Insurance and Inspection Services
- Standards of Participation Program
- Loss Control Education and Outreach Services

Loss Control Consultation Visits

- Areas of expertise include Fleet Management Programs, Employment Practices, Occupational Safety & Health Programs, Physical Hazard Inspection Programs, Boiler & Machinery Preventative Maintenance Programs, and Cyber Security/Privacy Issues.
- Outreach by BRIM's Loss Control Specialists establish effective two-way communication and positive business relationships.

Loss Control Education and Outreach Services

- Each year, BRIM partners with Liberty Mutual Insurance to provide two regional seminars to our insured on safety, operation and maintenance of boiler and air conditioning systems.
- BRIM's Loss Control Manager presents at meetings and seminars on topics related to safety and risk management, when requested.
- BRIM's Loss Control Specialists are certified OSHA General Industry Trainers.
- The Loss Control Department periodically sends notification to all insured on topics as needed, e.g. severe weather mitigation strategy, etc.

BRIM's Standards of Participation Program

- BRIM manages a pro-active loss control “Standards of Participation” program applicable to all insured.
- The Standards are minimum risk management requirements intended to form a comprehensive approach to preventing losses and mitigating insurable loss and insurance costs.
- Every year BRIM audits 1,133 safety and loss control programs of our insured.
- Compliance with the Standards generates a credit (savings) on premium and non-compliance results in a surcharge (increase) to premiums.
- Credits and surcharges are applied to all lines of coverages.

Claim department staff

BRIM employs 5 licensed insurance adjusters

- One Claim Manager (32 years experience in private sector and government)
- One Asst. Claim Manager (40 years experience in private sector and government)
- Two claim specialists (combined 35 years experience in private sector and government)
- Total combined experience of Claim Staff in private sector insurance: 60 years
- Total combined experience of Claim Staff in government insurance: 52 years

What types of claims are handled by BRIM claim staff?

- Civil Rights Claims (e.g. employment, ADA, sex/gender discrimination, age, free speech, wrongful incarceration, etc.)
- Law Enforcement Claims (e.g. excessive force, wrongful arrest, etc.)
- Medical Malpractice Claims
- Motor Vehicle Claims
- Premises Liability Claims
- Sexual Assault/Abuse Claims

BRIM's financial plan

BRIM's financial plan has six primary objectives

- Fully fund all liabilities for its insurance programs.
- Ensure adequate working capital to minimize premium rate fluctuations from year to year for agencies' budget predictability.
- Maintain sufficient funds to fully support normal program operations.
- Maximize the overall return on investments within a conservative comprehensive investment policy.
- Maintain sufficient short-term liquidity to provide for unexpected or extraordinary cash flow needs.
- Meet or exceed key financial ratios.

All BRIM liabilities are fully funded

- Effective July 1, 2005, BRIM established an annual pre-funded trust program that covers liability claims for each policy year.
- Comprehensive rating model helps to insure recovery of program costs.
- Investment returns are anticipated to recover the cost of pre-funding the discounted liability claims within the trust and to help fund the cost of all claims paid outside the trust (i.e. property, cyber and mine subsidence).
- Annual pre-funding of the trust, a comprehensive rating model and investment returns work in concert to help maintain a positive net position within each program.

BRIM's Net Asset Reserve Policy

Why is the NAR important?

- An adequate level of net asset reserves provides funds to offset operating deficits resulting from unexpected events, economic uncertainties, and lean funding periods.
- It is critical for predictability of premiums and avoidance of large premium fluctuations from year to year.
 - **Budget predictability**

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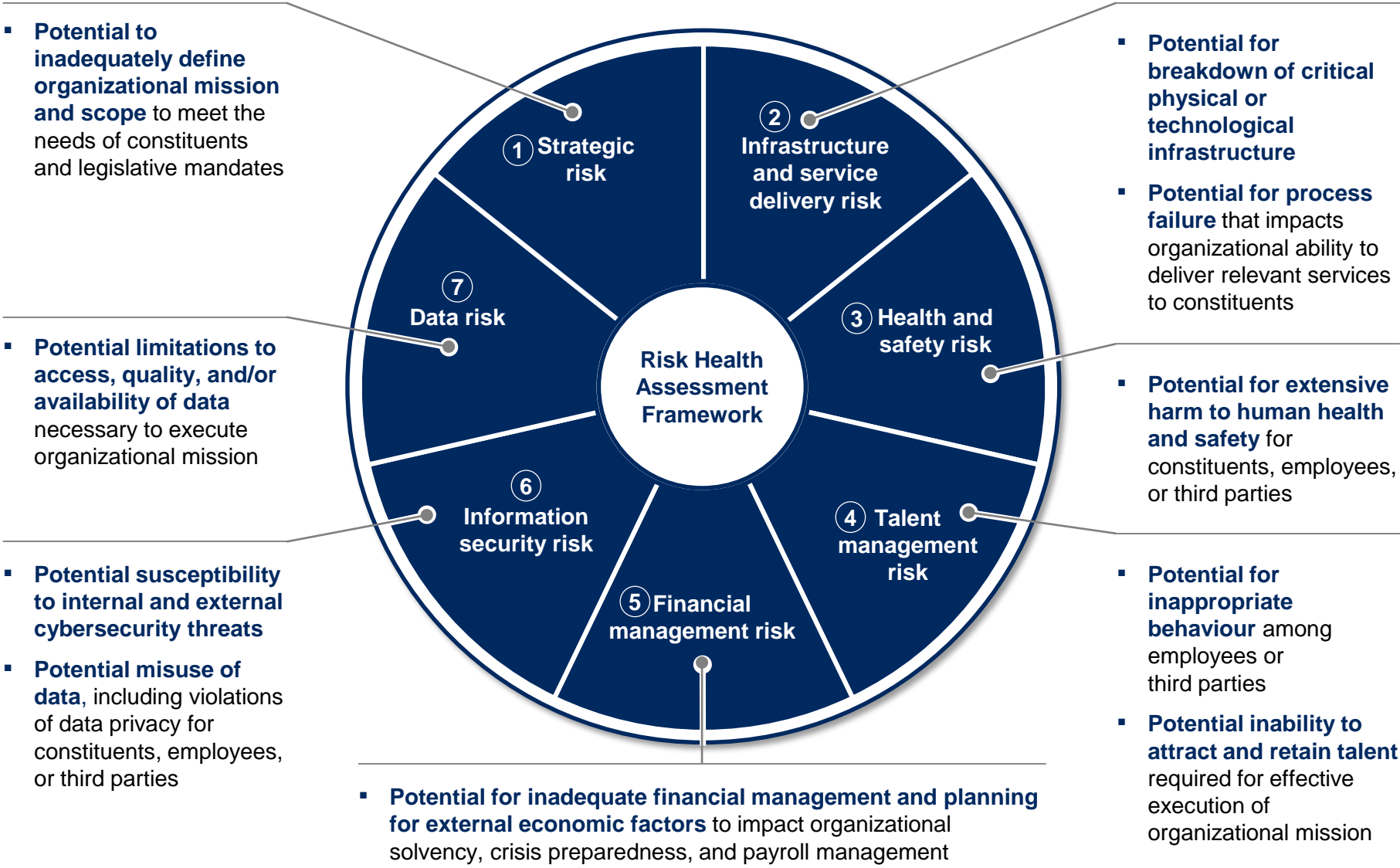
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Risk identification and management: To develop a comprehensive risk strategy, it is important to consider risk elements across the organization







Risk identification and management: A tailored risk taxonomy helps classify known risks; it also provide structures for discussions of emerging risks

Level one (L1) risks

Associated level two (L2) risks **Examples of relevant level two risks**

Level one (L1) risks	Associated level two (L2) risks	Examples of relevant level two risks
1 Strategic	1.1 Mission	▪ Inadequate breadth of services provided to constituents
	1.2 Strategic planning	▪ Lack of long-term innovation strategy
	1.3 Governance	▪ Limited organizational structure, managerial alignment, policy setting/oversight
	1.4 Stewardship	▪ Inappropriate management of public assets; lack of stakeholder accountability
2 Infrastructure and service delivery	2.1 Physical infrastructure	▪ Failure of physical infrastructure and/or assets (e.g., highway or bridge breakdown)
	2.2 Technology infrastructure	▪ Failure of technology systems and/or assets (e.g., cloud system breakdown)
	2.3 Process failure	▪ Failure of processes critical to service delivery (e.g., transaction processing failure)
3 Health and safety	3.1 Human safety	▪ Occurrences of violence, suicide, sexual assault among constituents, employees and/or third parties
	3.2 Health	▪ Potential for epidemics / pandemics and/or mental health issues
	3.3 Emergency response	▪ Inadequate response to natural disasters, severe weather events, terrorist attacks
4 Talent management	4.1 Conduct	▪ Inappropriate or unethical behavior among employees and/or third parties
	4.2 Human capital	▪ Lack of human capital/skills necessary for execution of organizational mission
	4.3 Diversity and inclusion	▪ Inadequate diversity among staff and/or third parties (e.g., gender, race, age)
5 Financial management	5.1 Financial management	▪ Inadequate cash management, audit, or accounting practices
	5.2 Fraud	▪ Losses due to internal or external fraud, embezzlement, theft, conflicts of interest
	5.3 Funding	▪ Exposure to tax volatility and source concentration
	5.4 Investment risk	▪ Potential for asset misallocation and exposure to market risk
	5.5 Liquidity management	▪ Unrestricted unreserved fund balance and/or inadequate contingency funds
	5.6 Debt, access to credit	▪ Inadequate credit availability or employee liability management (e.g., pensions)
6 Information security risk	6.1 Cybersecurity	▪ Violations of data security from internal and external threats
	6.2 Data misuse and privacy	▪ Lack of appropriate data privacy policies and enforcement
7 Data risk	7.1 Data access	▪ Lack of controls around access critical data (e.g., unauthorized access)
	7.2 Data quality	▪ Inadequate data quality for execution needs (e.g., errors in data sources)
	7.3 Data availability	▪ Limited availability of critical data (e.g., lack of visibility into underlying analyses)

Public sector organizations can leverage ERM building blocks to improve risk outcomes

		Description
Strategy and framework 	1 Vision and mission	Mission and vision integrated with the company's overall strategy and business objectives, and provides the purpose of managing and overseeing operational risk
	2 Risk appetite	Cascading risk appetite framework across risk types, with defined escalation processes and breach protocols, qualitative and quantitative statements, metrics and thresholds
	3 Policies and procedures	Frameworks and policies to guide risk management and help create a common language about risk, e.g., risk lexicon and risk taxonomy
Processes 	4 Risk identification	Processes for identifying risks; e.g., through use of RCSA, output from root cause analysis, review of external events, ongoing input from the front-line
	5 Measurement	Measurement of risk is completed with sufficient tools, subject to periodic review and validation (where appropriate)
	6 Monitoring and testing	Monitoring in place to ensure review of risk positions and exceptions; testing has specific objectives and requirements, and executed using a risk-based approach
	7 Remediation and continuous improvement	Processes for remediating gaps or for enhancing process and controls with approaches embedded in the first line for continuous improvement
Organization and governance 	8 Organization design and structure	Organization design and structure consistent with the lines of defense, with consideration of stature of 1BLODs and SLODs units and leadership
	9 Roles and responsibilities across lines of defense	Detailed roles and responsibilities across the line of defense that supports risk ownership by the first line and effective risk oversight by the second line
	10 Committee structures and representation	Committee structures cover relevant risks across the organization, with business and risk representation to support decision making and ensure appropriate oversight
Capabilities 	11 Skills	Required skills derived from a target operating model, team members assessed against target skills profiles for their positions, and portfolio of interventions available
	12 Capacity	Target capacity derived through the articulation of expected activities in the target operating model, capacity reviewed and challenged on a periodic basis
	13 Cultural mindsets and behaviors	Cultural mindsets and behaviors enable risk ownership, responsiveness, co-operation and challenge
	14 Process improvement	Program to catalogue, trace, dissect and diagnose core processes effectively, enable process improvement, and identify potential break points
	15 Technology, data and analytics	Technology infrastructure, data, analytics supporting each element of the framework
Operational risk outcomes 		Reduction in risk exposure as observed through fewer operational risk incidents, lower dollar losses, lower severity scenario assessment results; enhanced business value through observable operating environment improvements (e.g., reduced rework, faster cycle times, better customer experience)

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