



# Closing the Risk Management Loop with Cyber Risk Quantification

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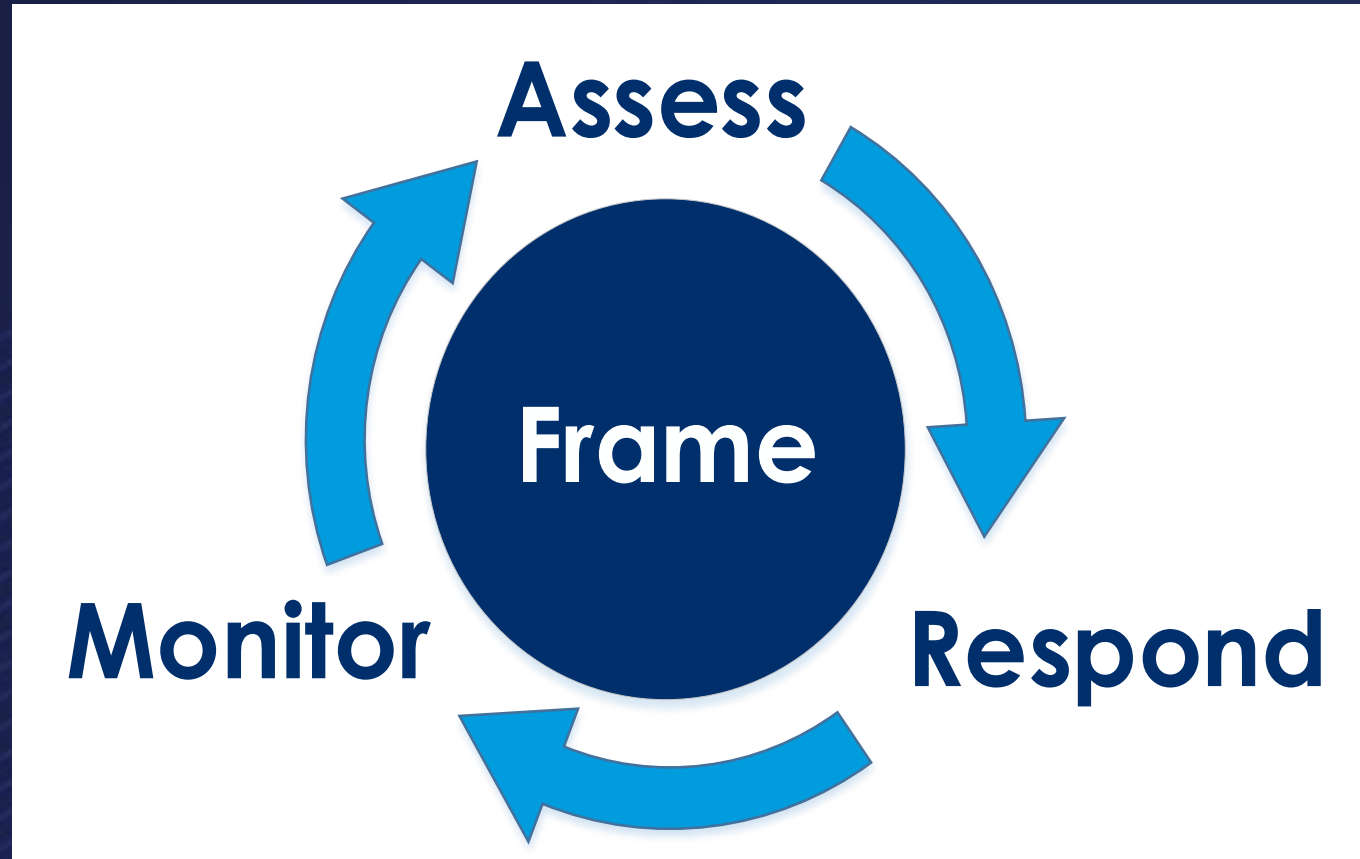
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# Risk Management Process - NIST



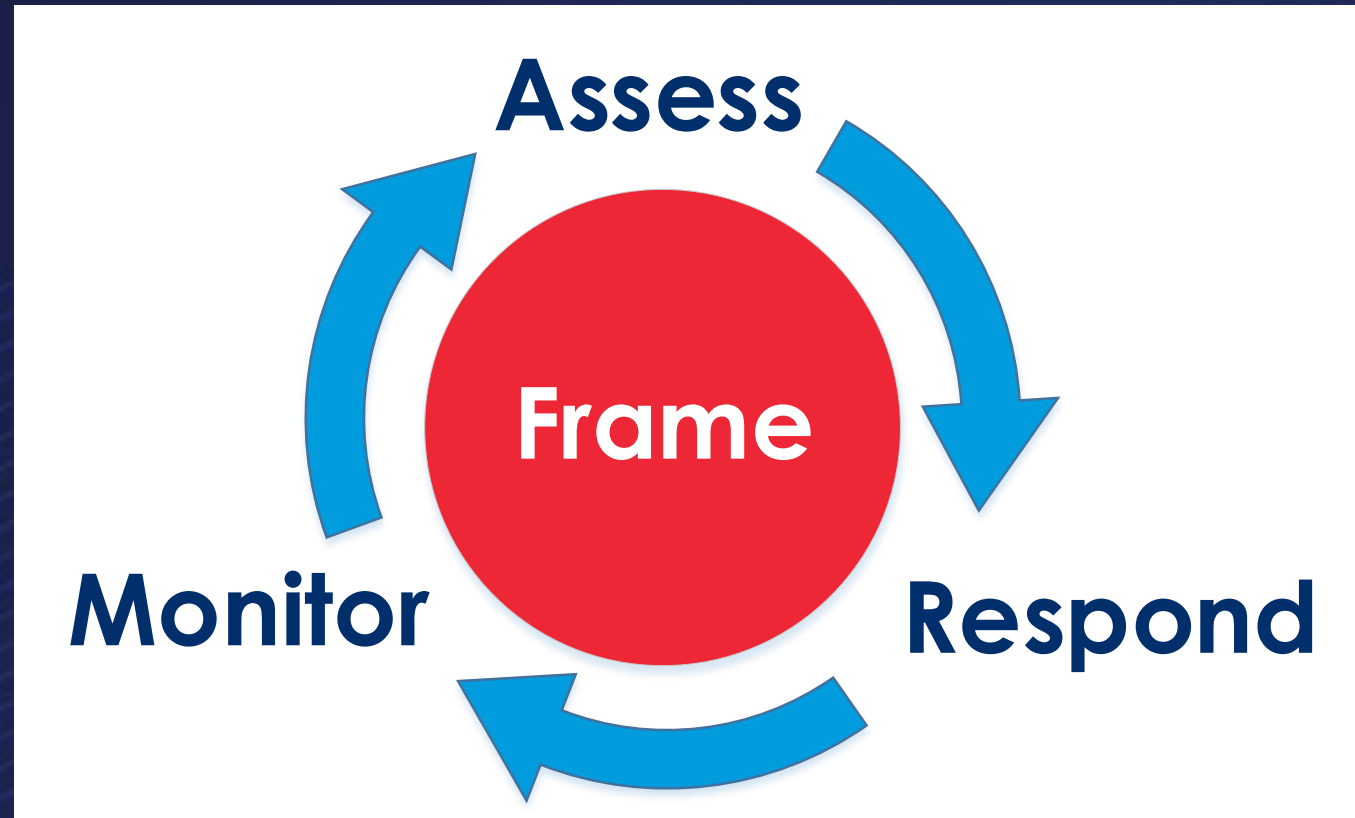
Modified from NIST SP800-30 Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments

# The Methodology – Factor Analysis of Information Risk (FAIR)



Facilitates better analysis by breaking risk down into discreet components





## Risk Management Process - Frame

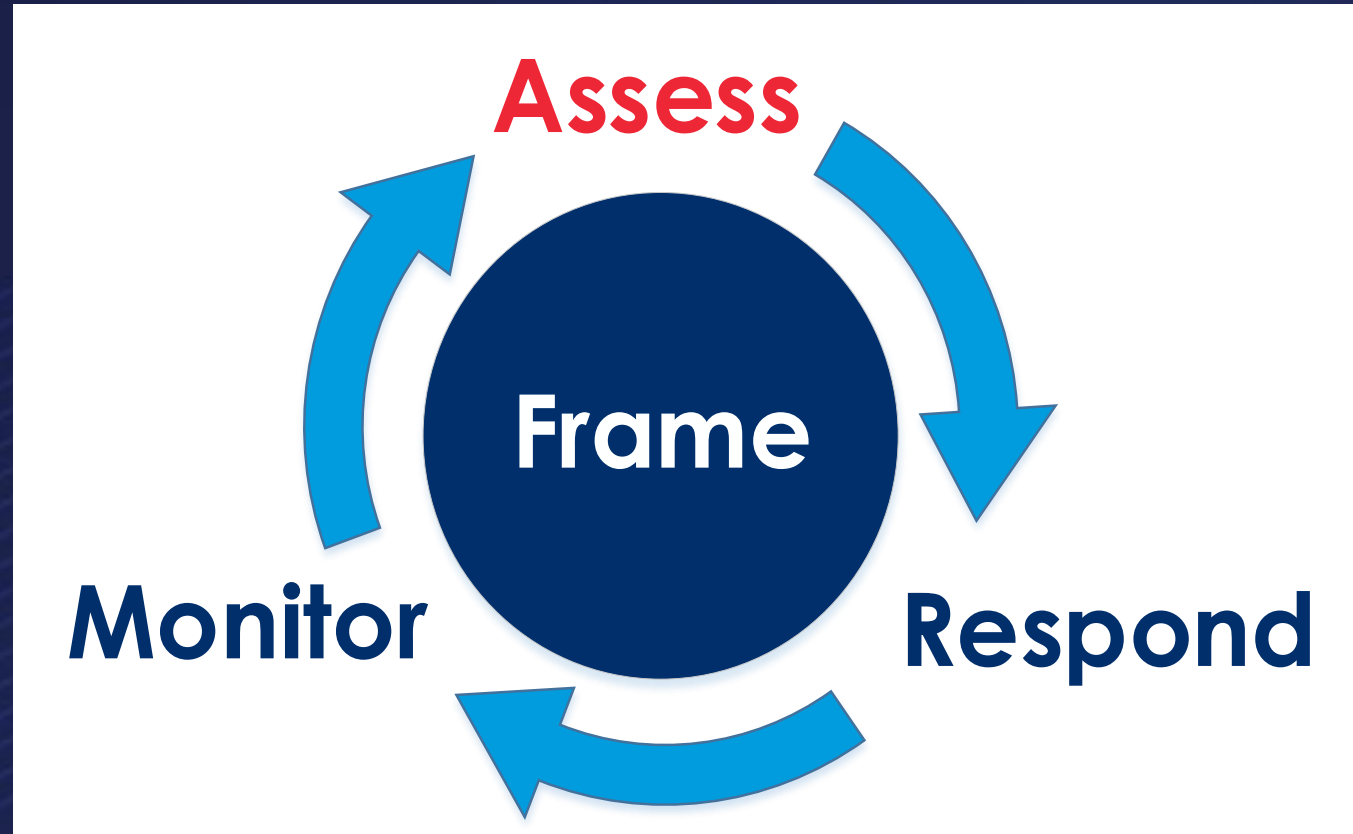


- Policies & Standards
- Processes
- Assets
- Methodology (FAIR)
- Risk Appetite

# Risk Appetite

- Often this comes from the business and are broad statements: “We don’t want to impact more than 1,000 customers.” “We don’t want to wind up on the news.”
- Can look at actual incident response and lessons learned remediation
- Can have multiple thresholds
- Individual lines of business or organizational divisions can have their own





## Risk Management Process - Assess

### Traditional Qualitative Approach

HIGH	Cloud
HIGH	Tech Debt/Legacy Systems
HIGH	Vulnerability Management
HIGH	Ransomware
MED	DDoS
MED	Insiders

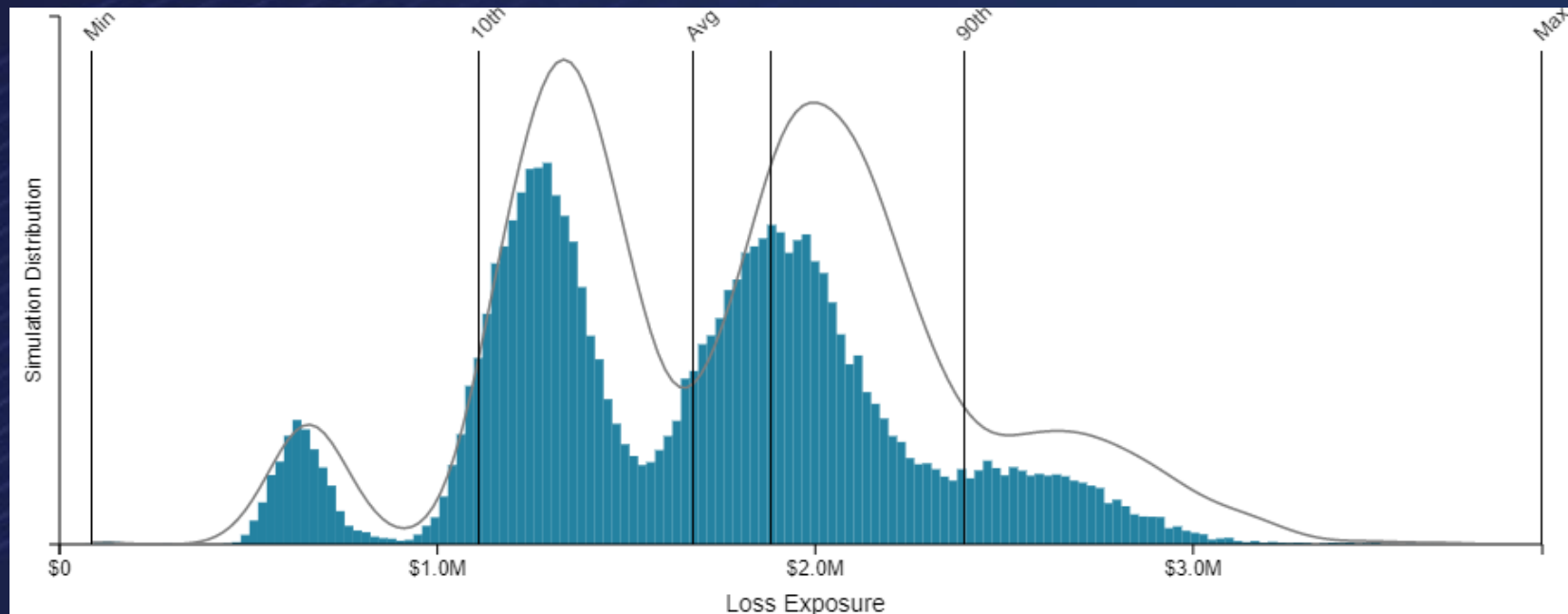
From a FAIR perspective, none of these are risks.

Risks are defined as events that incur financial loss for the organization.

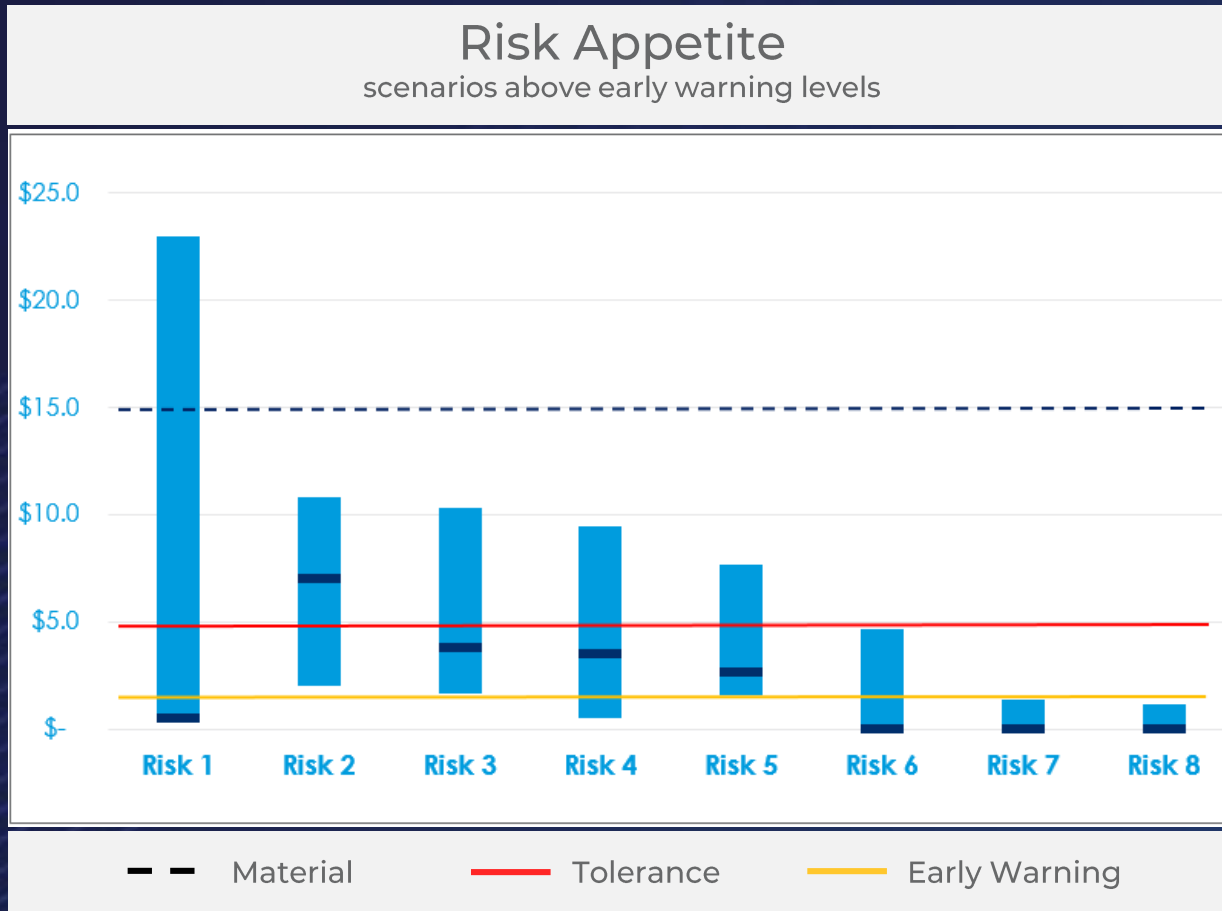
# FAIR Methodology View of Risks

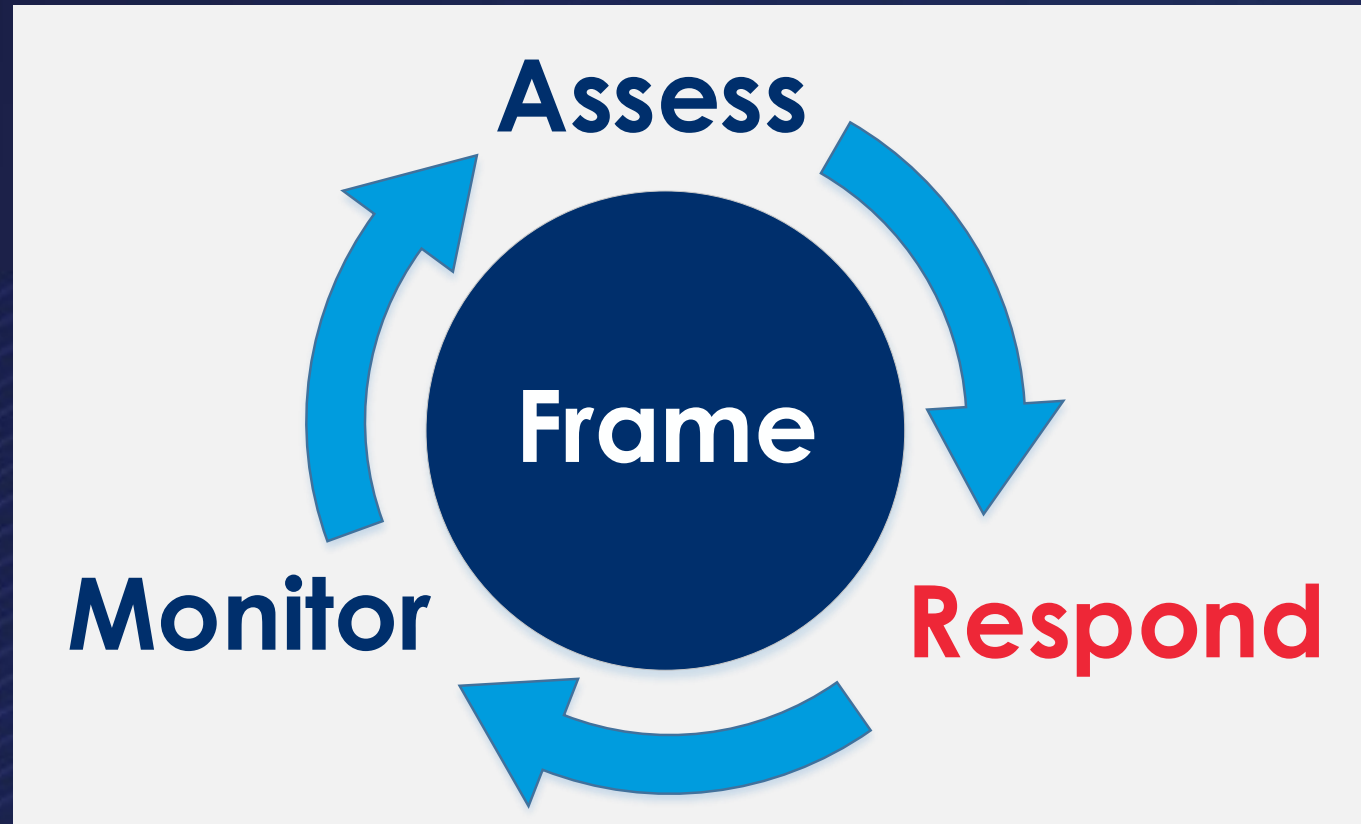
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10th Percentile	Most Likely	90th Percentile
\$1.1M	<b>\$1.9M</b>	\$2.4M
Min \$87K	Average \$1.7M	Max \$3.9M



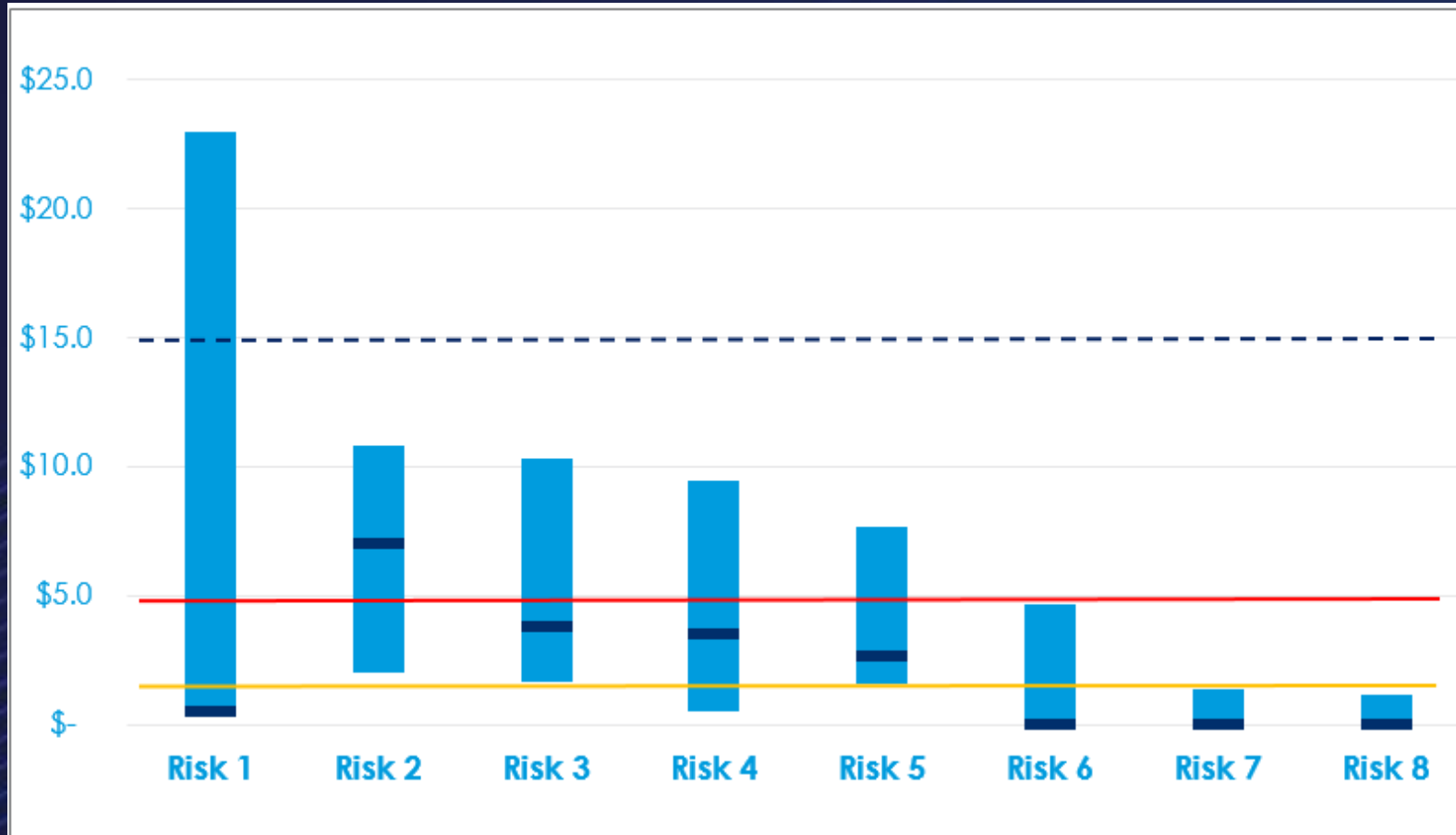
# Risk Management – A Quantitative View







# Risk Response – Prioritization



Is the Risk fairly low but with the capacity to explode?

Can it be accepted?

Do you have a clear “leader” that needs to be addressed first?

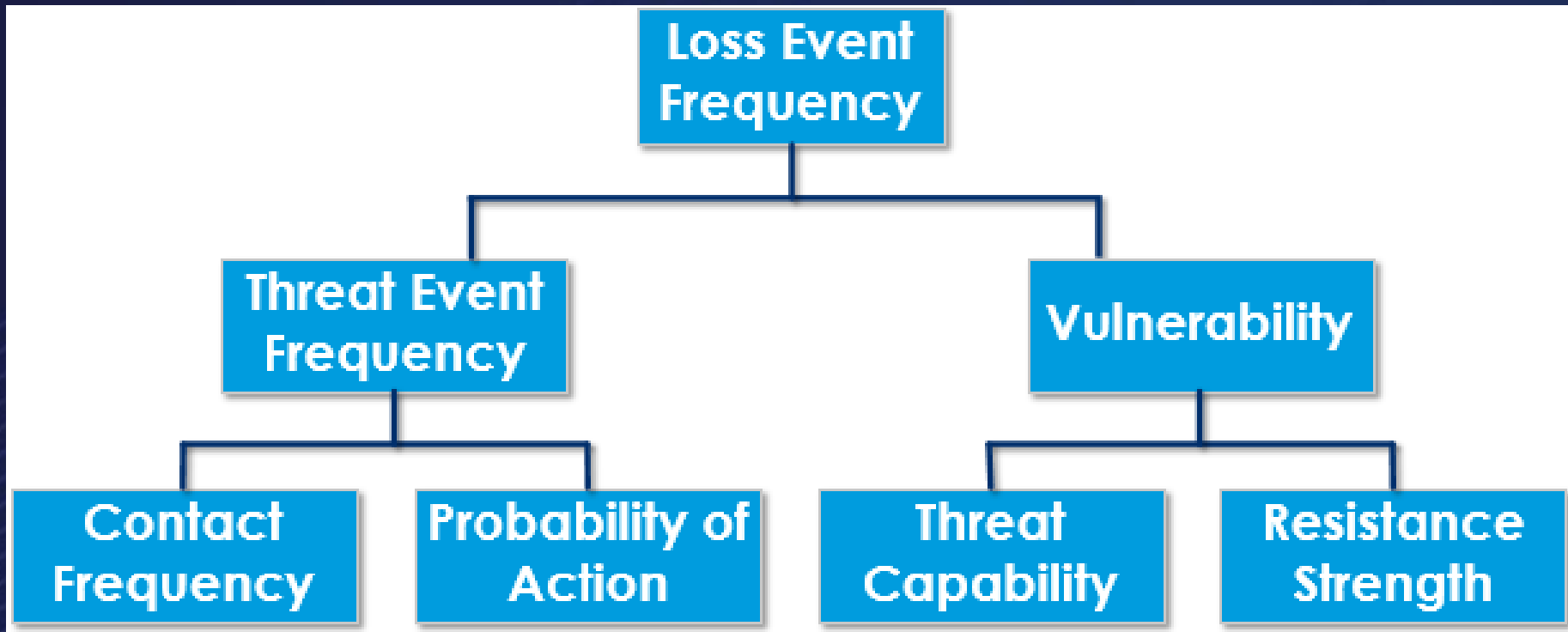
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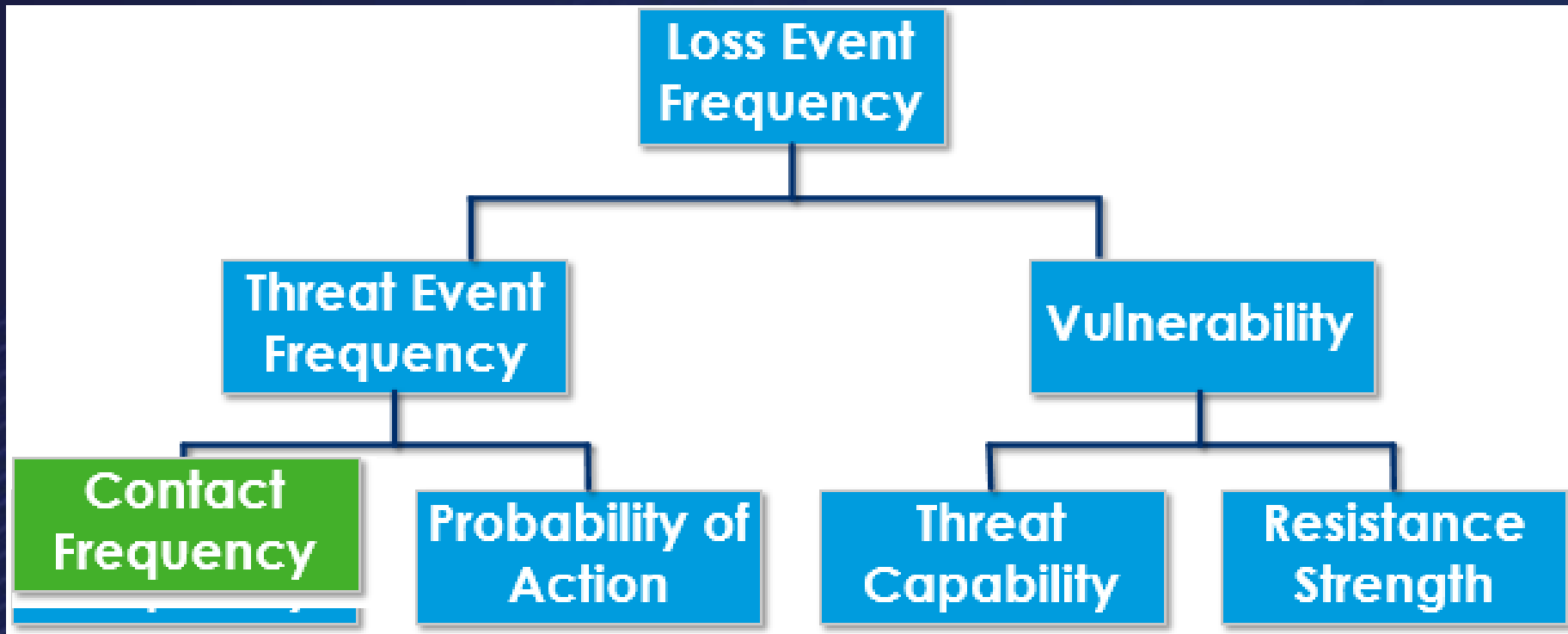
To mitigate risk, the Loss Event Frequency, the Loss Magnitude, or both need to be reduced



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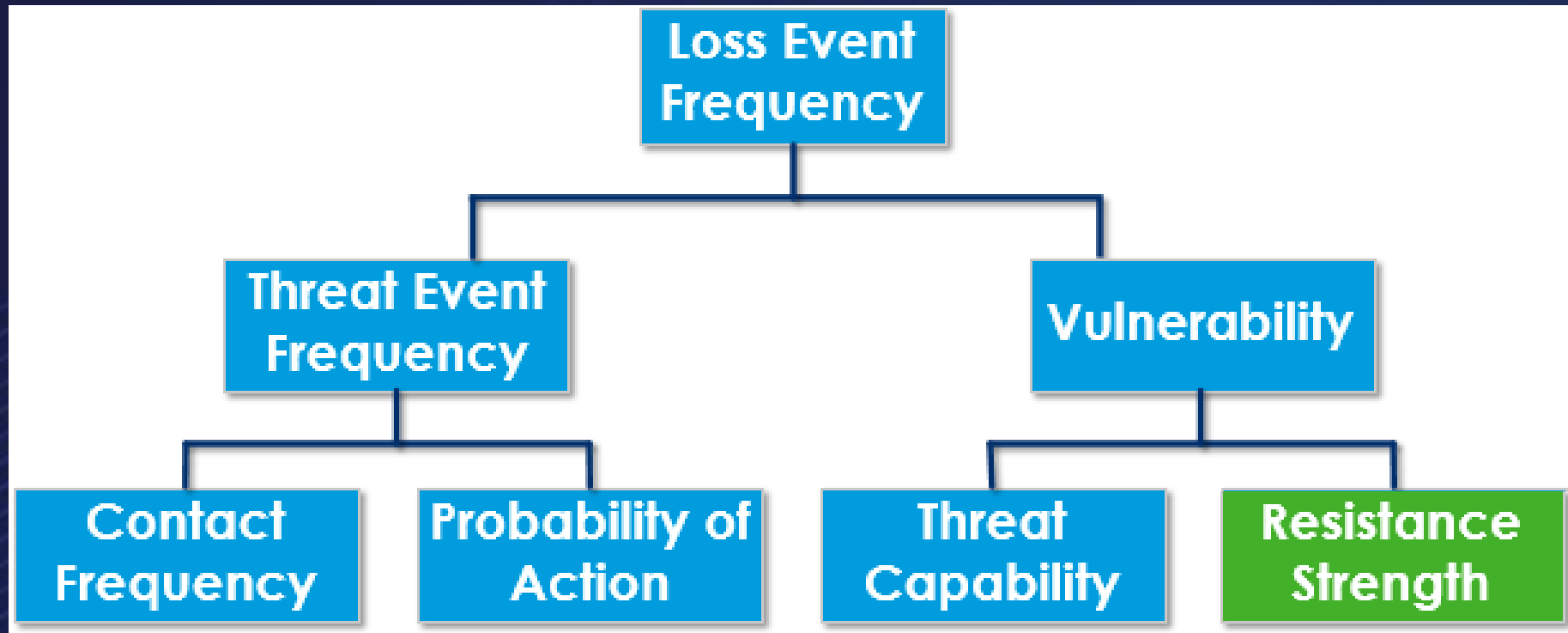


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Establish network segmentation, restricting contact to business critical systems or data

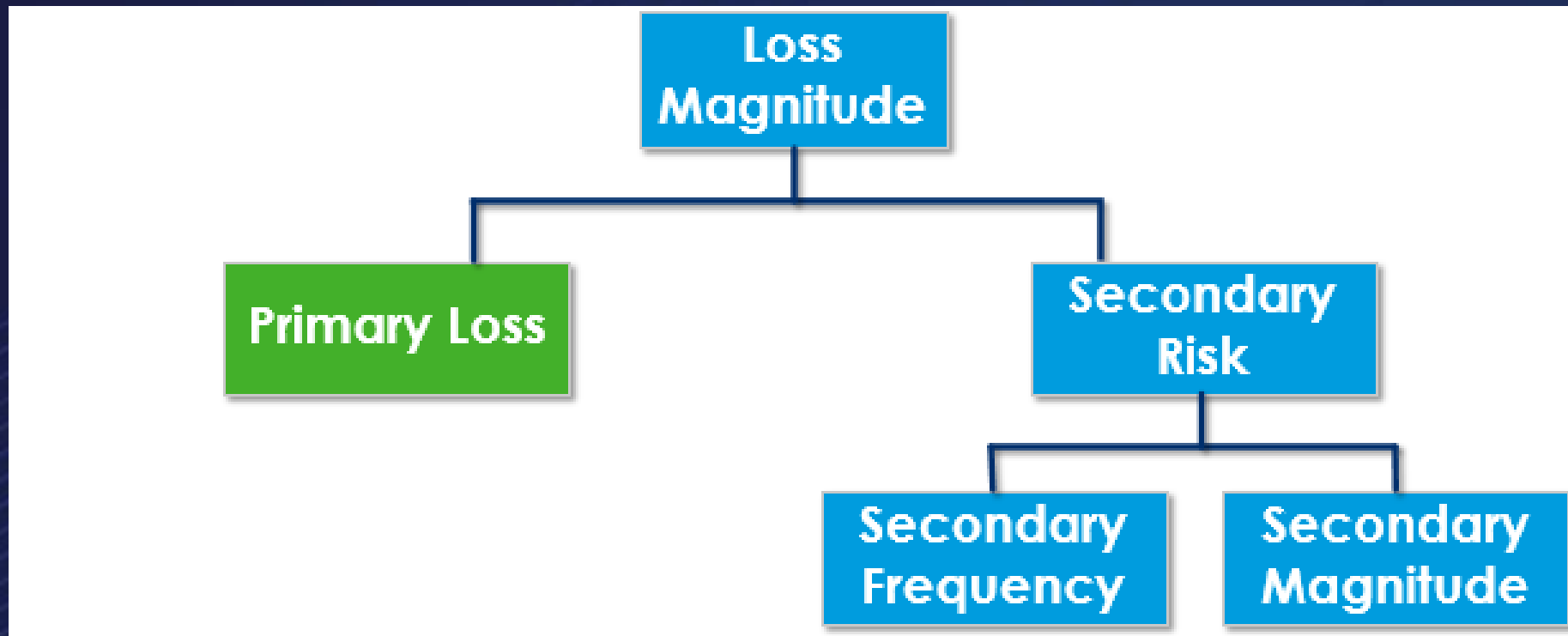
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Improve system patching and tighten access controls

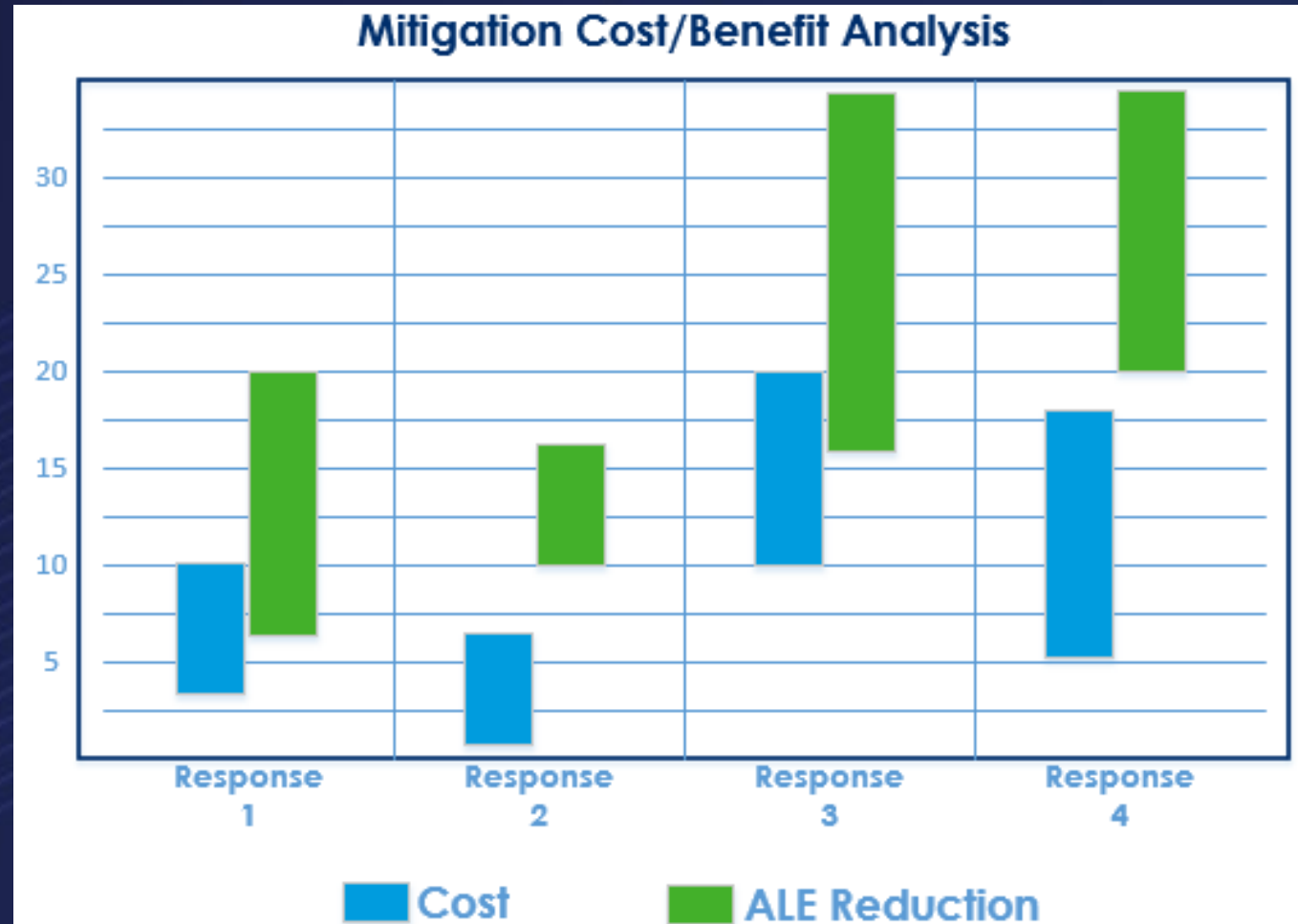


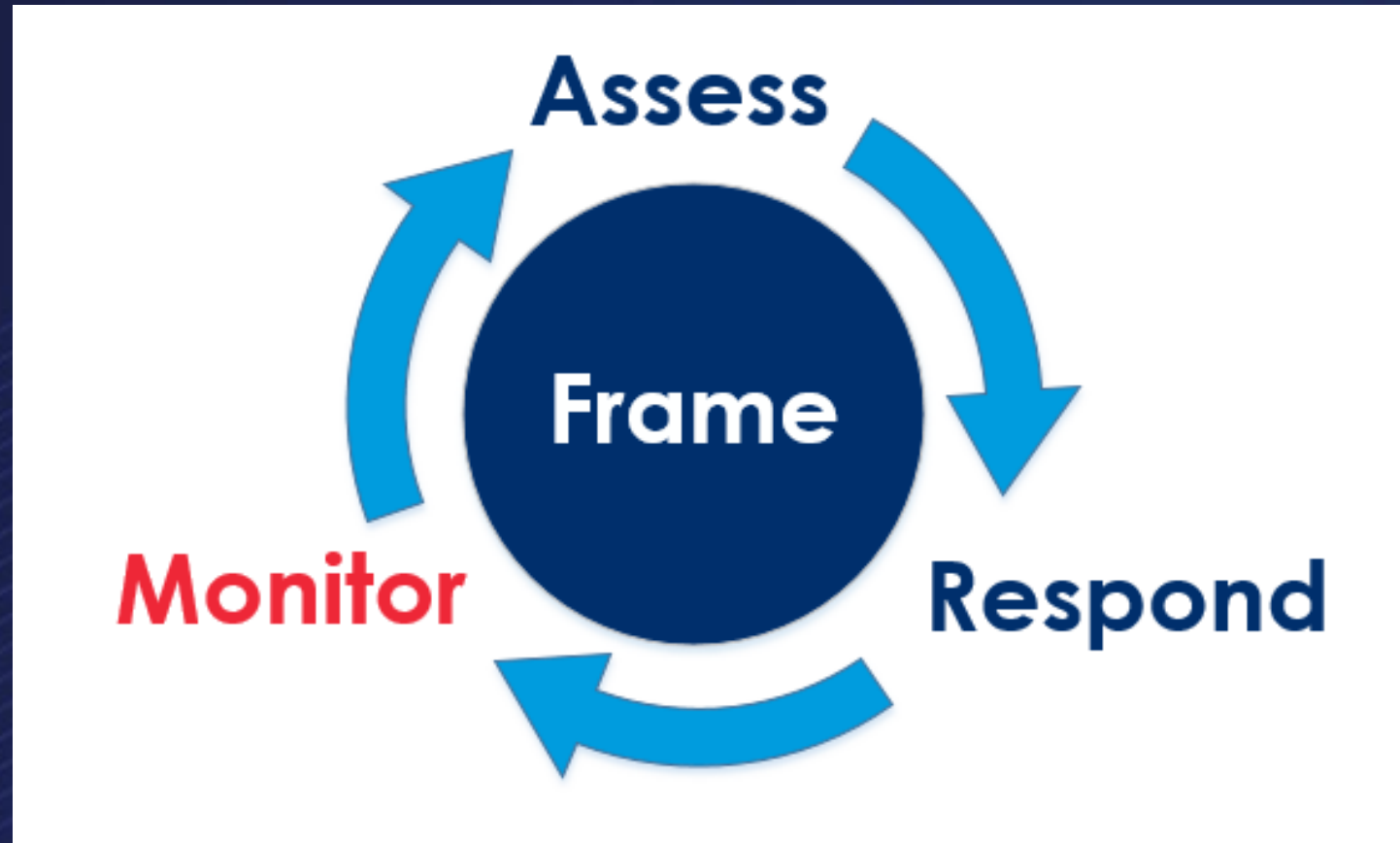
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Behavioral Analysis to Identify and Respond to Encryption Before Completion

# Risk Response – Infomred Decision





# Risk Response – Monitor

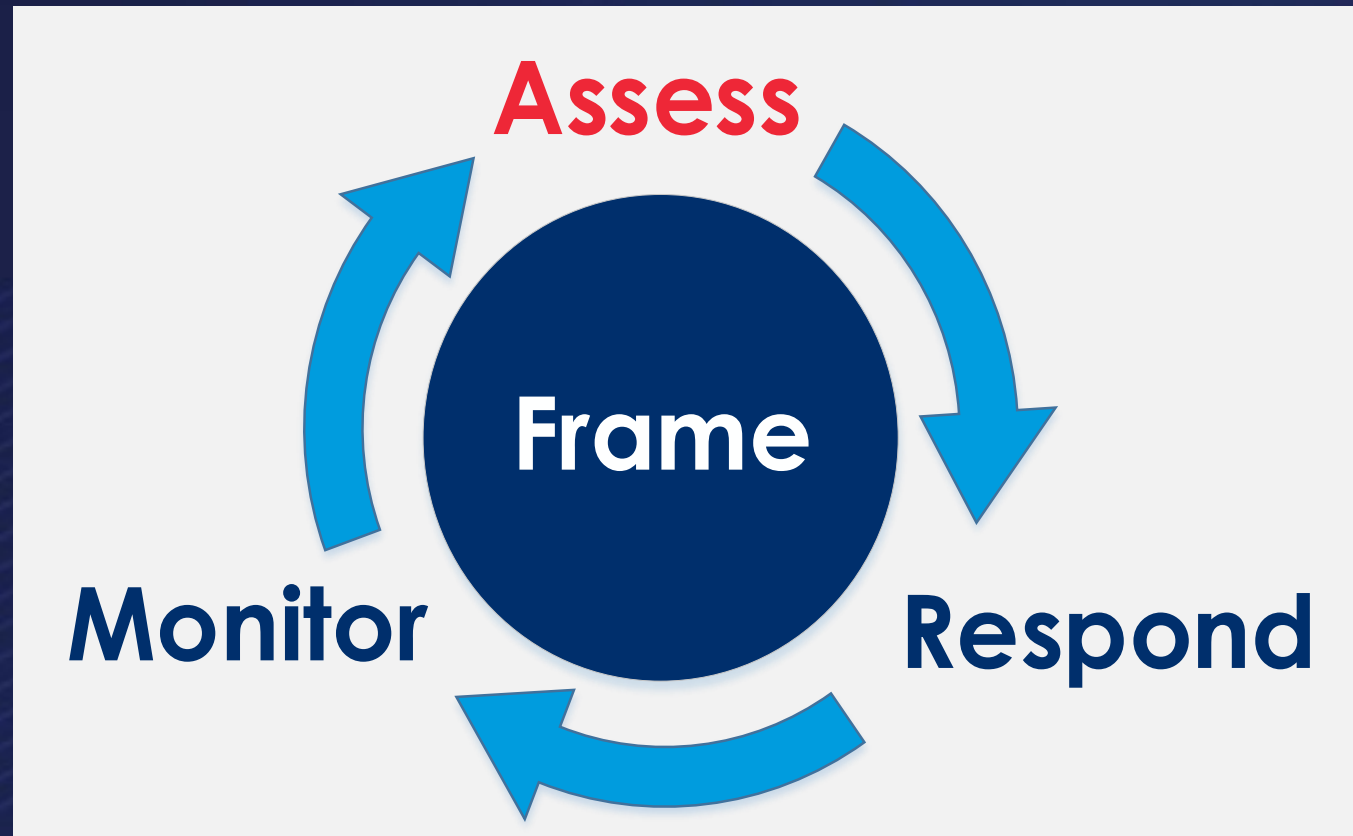
Metric	Effect
% of critical file servers segmented	Contact Frequency
# of users with write access to critical file shares	Resistance Strength
# of unpatched high & critical vulnerabilities	Resistance Strength
Average time to respond for rapid file encryption	Loss Magnitude
Tested RTO and RPO for critical system	Loss Magnitude

As Metrics Change,  
We Can Measure the  
Resulting Change in  
Risk Exposure



Showing Progress... or  
Highlighting New  
Areas of Risk/Focus







Questions?