



# APPLIED RISK MANAGEMENT 101 *TIPS, TRICKS, AND LESSONS LEARNED*

or

*“Where are the alligators?”  
A primer on not getting bit*

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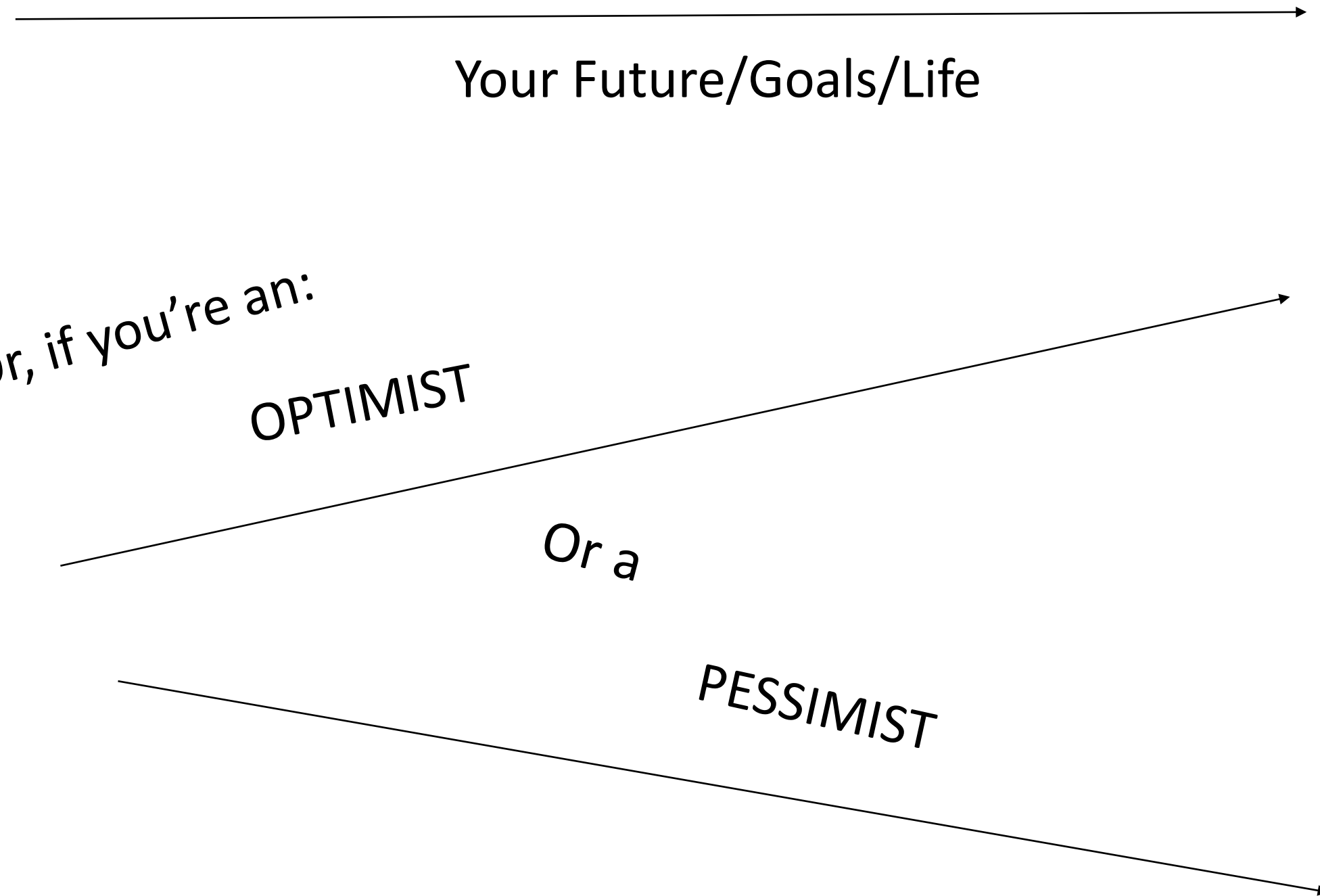
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# Risk Management 101

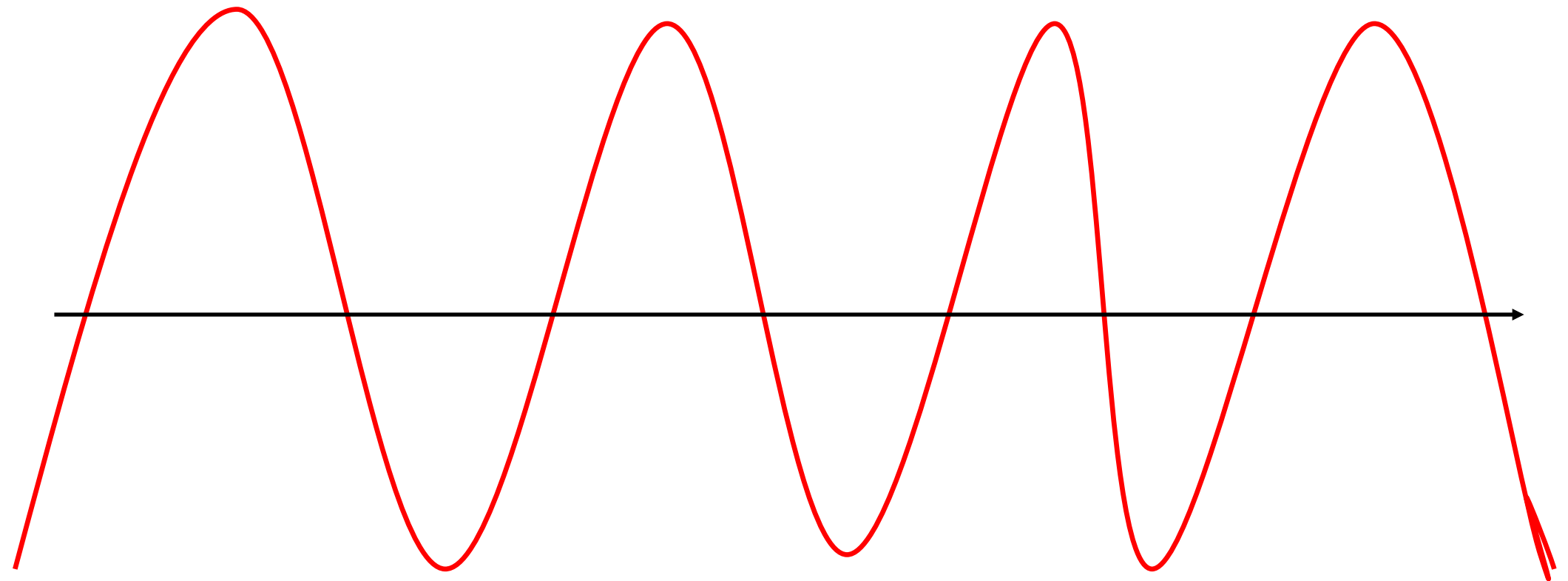
We can make this real short and  
take the rest of the day off

This Line is Your Future  
Hopes, Dreams, Fears,  
Budget, **Goals**, etc.



This Is Risk –  
Variance

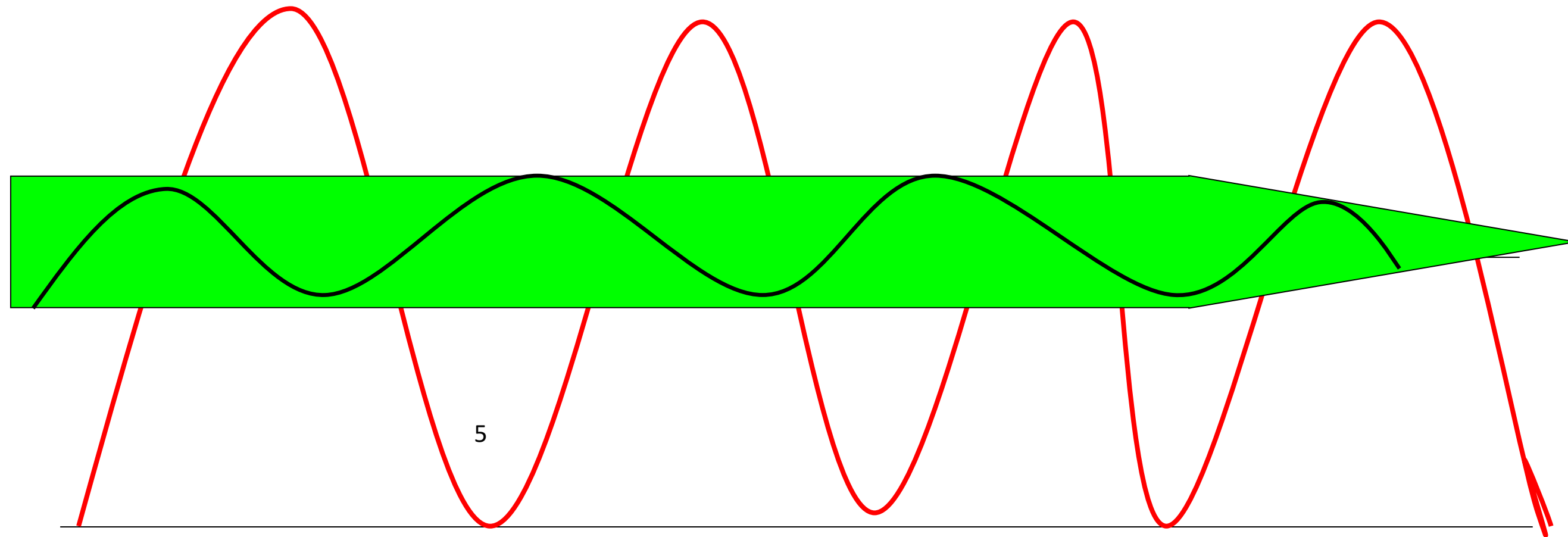
*Potential Actual  
Results* for Goal,  
Budget, Life, etc.



“Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans” - John Lennon



# This Is Risk Management



**Maintaining *Actual Results* Within a  
Tolerable Level of Uncertainty**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

## *Outline*

- ❖ Risk management and its value
- ❖ An overview of risk and risk management tools, techniques and practices
- ❖ Making risk management work for you, your organization, or your clients



# *Risk Management & Its Value*



All organizations *exist* to manage risks

- Business risks - *sales, expenses*
- **Public Safety & Services**
- **Regulatory** - government requirements
- Product safety
- **Service E&O**
- Traditional risks of *general and auto liability*

**“The first duty of government is to protect its citizens”**

# *Risk Management & Its Value*

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Many organizations can't afford a full-time risk manager

If organizations are fundamentally in the business of risk management, but not large enough to have a risk manager, **who is the risk manager in fact, if not in name?**



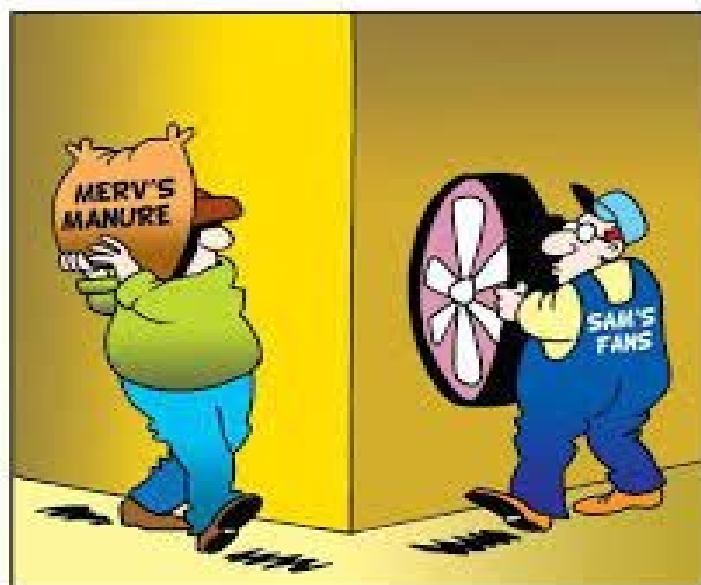
# Risk Management & Its Value

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Answer: Officers, Directors, and managers, *whether they like it or not*, are the chief risk managers for their organization

When something goes wrong, they are held accountable

Goal is to make everyone a risk manager, accountable for managing their own risks, but still need coordinator of info and responsibility



If the risk hits the fan,  
will you be covered with it?

If yes, congratulations, *it's your risk.*

# Risk Management & Its Value

## Is risk really that big an issue?

- Studies suggest that **5% to 20% of the typical budget** is consumed by the cost of risk.
  - What are you paying for Work Comp?
  - For admin costs related to preventing and processing claims?
- Research shows when losses occur there are as much as **\$10-25 in indirect losses** that occur for every \$1 of direct losses.
  - How much are you paying in overtime while others are out?
  - Are you capturing your “soft” costs of risk?

# THE REAL COST OF WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS

For every \$1 in direct costs, there are an additional \$3 to \$10 in indirect costs.

## Tip of the Iceberg

### DIRECT COSTS

- Medical costs
- Indemnity (wage replacement) payments
- Legal services
- Increased insurance premiums or loss of insurability

### INDIRECT COSTS BENEATH THE SURFACE

These costs are generally not covered by insurance.

- OSHA fines
- Accident investigation
- Implementation of corrective measures
- Property and product damages
- Recruiting, hiring, training replacement workers
- Temporary labor and overtime
- Extra supervisory and administrative time
- Loss of productivity or service standards
- Lower employee morale and increased absenteeism
- Down time and lost business
- Negative public image





# *Risk Management & Its Value*

## *Key Concept*

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### Cost of Risk

= Retained Losses + Transfer Costs + Admin Costs + Loss Control

Expressed as % of revenue, **\$ per \$100 payroll**, employees, work hours, population, *miles driven*, etc.

Example - Work Comp Rate = \$4.03 for every \$100 of payroll.

+ admin, deductible, loss control **and indirect costs!**

**Best Practice - Allocate** equally among all departments or **weight the allocation based on losses or exposure.**

Example – WCIRB “**Pure Premium**”<sup>\*</sup> Average Rate = \$1.45 per \$100 payroll; Muni Manual Labor Rate = \$8.22

<sup>\*</sup> Losses & Loss Adjustment Expense (LAE) Only

# *Evolution of Risk Management*

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Began With **Insurable Risks** - *accidental loss.*

Limited to **Pure Risk**: *loss or no loss.*

v. **Speculative Risk** – add possibility of *gain.*

Over time has grown, with *definition of risk expanding* and ***organizations taking on more risk themselves***

- Expanded Scope of Risk Control
- Further Expansion & Recognition of R.M.
- Greater assumption of insurer functions, especially financing – **Alternative Risk Transfer**: captives, **pools**, RRGs, etc.

# *Evolution of Risk Management*

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## **Enterprise Risk Management**

**Goal is to balance risk/reward tradeoffs  
*across the entire organization***

**To do so, must aggregate information**

“Build risk thinking and accountability into the organization,  
***closer to the transaction***, and to ***prioritize responses to risk***,  
making **wiser decisions regarding allocation of scarce resources”**



# Evolution of Risk Management

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## Traditional RM

- Risk as individual hazards
- Risk ID & Assessment
- **Focus on all risks**
- Risk mitigation
- Risk limits
- **Risks with no owners**
- Haphazard risk quantification
- Risk is not my responsibility
- Top-down **siloes** communication

## Enterprise RM

- Risk in the context of business strategy
- Risk “portfolio” development
- **Focus on critical risks**
- Risk *optimization*
- Risk strategy
- **Defined risk responsibilities**
- Monitoring & measuring
- Risk is everyone’s responsibility
- **Communication across functional lines**

**“Enterprise” Definition of Risk = “the effect of uncertainty on objectives”**

## Case Study

9/11

### Lessons learned

- Insurance Industry
- Government

### Traditional “silo” approach to risk—pre 9/11

- *Agencies didn't or couldn't share information*
- **CIA, FBI, FAA, INS, DOD, etc.**

### Enterprise Risk Mgmt. Model – post 9/11

- Combined Agencies Under **New Homeland Security Department**

Is it working?

*See Looming Tower Reference at end*

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Key Concept

# KEEP IT LOW

Always *treat risk at the lowest possible level*, where the decisions are made that can prevent or cause a loss.

Risk Management means getting people to recognize and take ownership of the risks they face in performing their daily tasks.

From a manager's perspective – **helping people know when to pay attention**

by “thinking slow” rather than fast or by intuition.

*Shift from auto pilot to alert*



# *What is Risk?*

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**Risk =**

*anything that could prevent you from achieving your goal*



# What is Risk?

When you see it online vs When it arrives in the mail



True 😂😂😂

## RISK = VARIANCE

Risk refers to how events vary from our expectations

- We expect sunshine but it rains
- We expect office to be open, but it burns down
- We expect employees to drive safely but they get in accidents
- We expect tourism tax revenues, but COVID lockdowns demolished our budget

**Risk is the *obstacle that stands between us and a predictable future.***

# *What is Risk Management?*

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Risk Management refers to all efforts to:

1. Identify and assess risks
2. Analyze & weigh options to control those risks
3. Implement measures to control those risks
4. Monitor results & adjust as needed to meet objectives



# *What is Risk Management?*

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- ❖ *System* For Making Decisions
- ❖ Process v. Product
- ❖ Never Finished
- ❖ Last step is to monitor results and make changes as needed to improve
- ❖ No “cure” or vaccine to prevent risk

“**Risk Management** should be called **Good Management**”

# *Risk Management Means Asking*



**What can go wrong?**

- **Risk ID**

**How do I keep it from going wrong?**

- **Loss Prevention**

**If it does go wrong, how can I fix it?**

- **Loss Reduction**

*OR ...*

# Where Are The Alligators?

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*How close, big, mean, hungry, hidden, etc.?*



**How do I keep them from biting me?**

**If I do get bit, how do I stop the bleeding?**

# *The Risk Management Process*

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1. Identify, Analyze & **Prioritize Risks**
2. Examine *Alternative* Techniques
3. Select **Apparent** Best Techniques
4. **Implement** Chosen Techniques
5. **Monitor and Improve** Program

# *1. Identify, Analyze & Prioritize Risks*

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## **This is the most important step!**

The main challenge for most organizations is to establish a basis for understanding its risks.

How can this be done in a simple & low-cost way?

### **Requires imagination & insight**

- Easily squashed by management oversight!

“Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing.” - Warren Buffett



# *Identify, Analyze & Prioritize Risks*

## Components of All **Loss Exposures**

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**Value** exposed to loss

- People, Assets, Reputation

**Peril** causing/threatening loss

- Natural: Fire, flood, earthquake, molds, subsidence, wind, etc.
- Human: Arson, assault, negligence, fraud, riot, theft, etc.
- Economic: strikes, stock market, budget impasses, interest rates

# *Identify, Analyze & Prioritize Risks* **Components of All Loss Exposures**

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**Consequences** of the loss:

**Financial, operational & political**, *not necessarily proportionate to physical loss*

- Cost of repair
- Loss of sales or rental income
- Hard drive or network crash; cyber attack
- Resignation of key manager, or
- Negative media attention

## Identifying Risks – Internal & External Categories

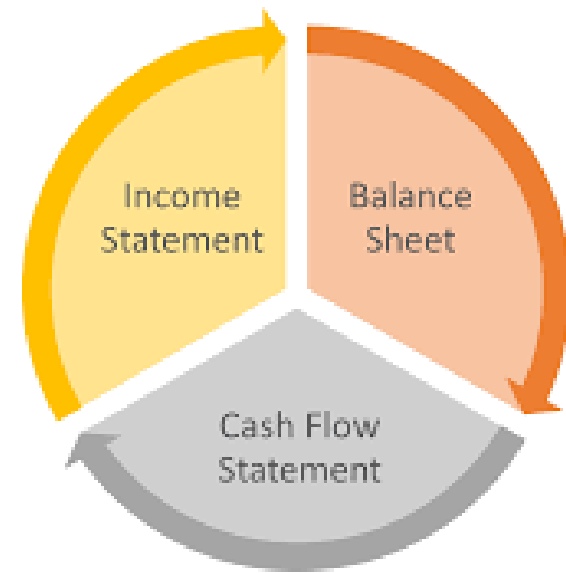
### EXTERNAL RISKS

|                            |                      |           |                          |                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Competitor                 | Financial Markets    | Industry  | Technological Innovation | Economic            |
| Natural Hazard/Catastrophe | Capital Availability | Terrorism | Community Relations      | Sovereign/Political |
| Customer Needs             | Regulatory           | Legal     |                          |                     |

### INTERNAL RISKS

| Strategic  | Operational   |  |  | Financial   |  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| Marketplace<br>Business Model<br>Business Portfolio<br>Organization Structure<br>Resource Allocation<br>Planning<br>Product Life Cycle<br>Trademark<br>Brand Erosion/Image | <b>Process</b>  | <b>Management Information</b>  | <b>Human Capital</b>   | Interest Rate<br>Currency<br>Financial Instruments<br>Cash Flow<br>Opportunity Cost<br>Concentration<br>Default<br>Collateral<br>Credit<br>Debt Rating<br>Liquidity<br>Modeling |  |
|  | Constituent Satisfaction<br>Health & Safety<br>Cost of services<br>Knowledge Management<br>New Project Development<br>Efficiency<br>Capacity<br>Performance Gap<br>Cycle Time<br>Sourcing<br>Relationship Management<br>Supply Chain<br>Business Interruption<br>Service Failure<br>Environmental | Contract Commitment<br>Measurement<br>Alignment<br>Delivery Channels<br>Physical Security<br>Strategy Implementation<br>Compliance<br>Change Response<br>Transaction Processing<br>Registrations<br>License and Fee Mgt. | Budgeting & Forecasting<br>Regulatory Reporting<br>Accounting Information<br>Investment Evaluation<br>Taxation<br>Financial Reporting<br>Pension Fund<br>Completeness/Accuracy |   | Leadership<br>Outsourcing<br>Hiring/Retention<br>Performance Incentives<br>Communications<br>Training/Development<br>Competencies/Skills<br>Accountability<br>Change Readiness<br>Empowerment<br>Succession Planning |
|  |   | <b>Integrity</b>   | <b>Technology</b>  |   |  |
|  |   | Management Fraud<br>Employee Fraud<br>Third-Party Fraud<br>Illegal Acts<br>Unauthorized Acts<br>Reputation<br>Ethical Decision Making<br>Conflict of Interest  | Relevance<br>Data Integrity<br>Access<br>Availability<br>Infrastructure<br>Capacity<br>Reliability<br>E-Commerce   |   |  |

# Identify, Analyze & Prioritize Risks - Methods



- ✓ Face-to-face (internal experts)
- ✓ On-site inspections and audits
- ✓ Historical Information
- ✓ Claim history/loss runs
- ✓ Financial Statements
- ✓ Questionnaires & Surveys
- ✓ Charting/Graphing - Risk Maps/Matrix
- ✓ Outside Experts



# *Identify Risks - Be Curious!*

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## **Ask Common-sense questions, like:**

- What could go wrong?
- What must go right for us to succeed?
- What resources do we need to protect (physical, information, human)?
- **How do we know we are achieving our objective?**
- What decisions are most important?
- On what information do we most rely?

**Risk Management = Applied Common Sense**



# *Identify Risks - Be Curious!*

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How could someone **steal** from us or **disrupt** our operations?

On what do we spend the most **money**?

What decisions require the most **judgement**?

What activities are **regulated**?

What activities are most **complex**?

What is our greatest **legal** exposure?

# *Identify Risks - Be Curious!*

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What are the major **challenges** you face?

How have you **changed** in the recent past?

What are your **goals** for the next five years?

What are your major **financial** risks?

What events have affected your stability in the **past**?

What could cause you a major **headache**?

What changes could you make to **improve**?

# Prioritize Risks



Establish a means to **estimate the likely significance** of those *possible losses*

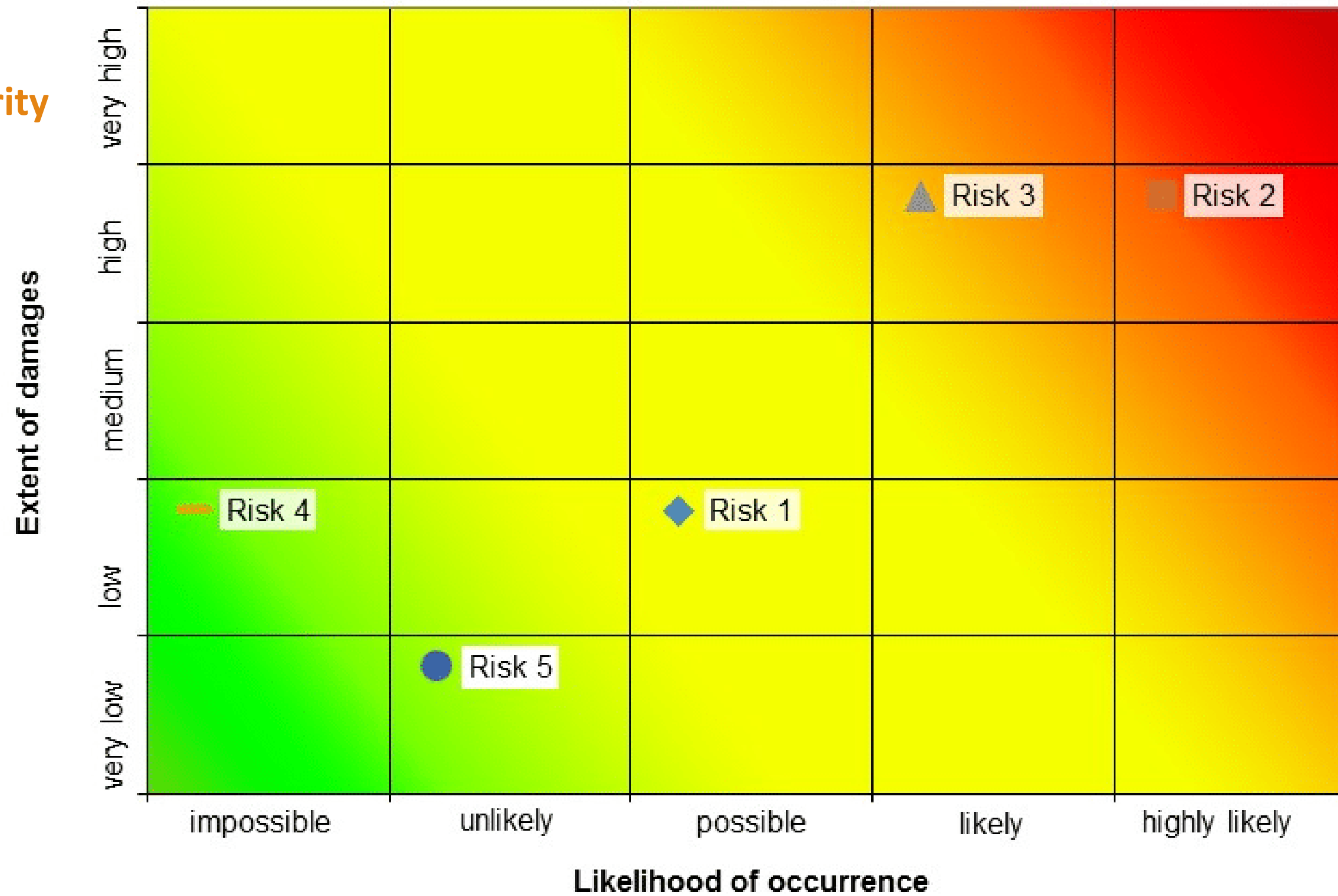
Increased significance means *actual losses become*:

- **More frequent** (how many?)
- **More severe** (how much?)
- **Less predictable,** (how certain?) *or*
- **Interfere more with objectives** (how strategic?)

*Map your Results with a Prouty Approach Diagram or **Risk Matrix***

# RISK MATRIX SAMPLE

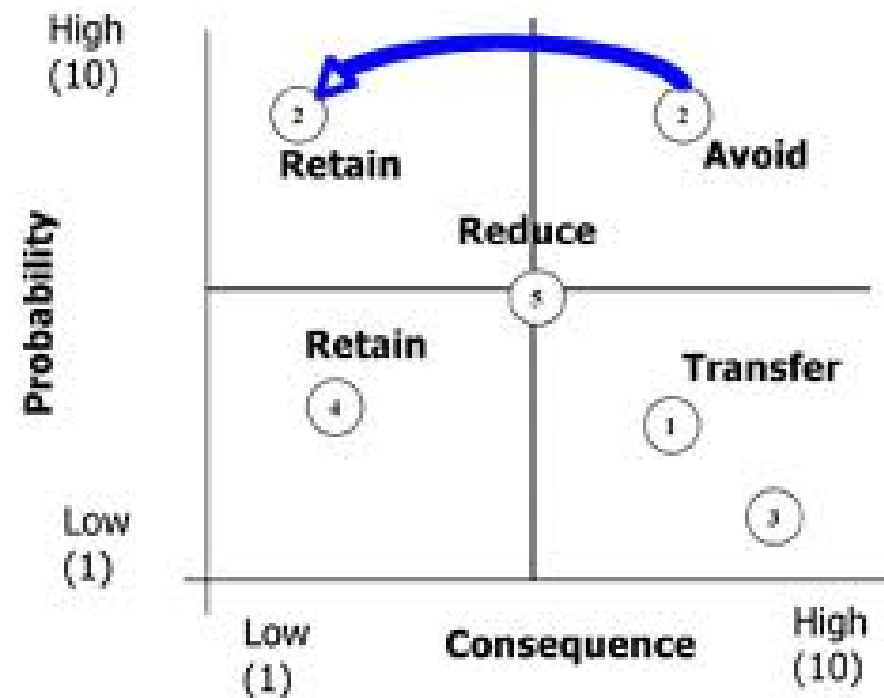
Severity



Frequency

# Prioritizing Risks

## Matrix Results & *Treatment*



### High Frequency & High Severity

- Rarely turn up in audit - should already be known and dealt with or you'd be **out of business!**

### High frequency & Low Severity

- Also should be known & often considered **operational risks** that should still be addressed with **risk control**

### Low Frequency & High Severity

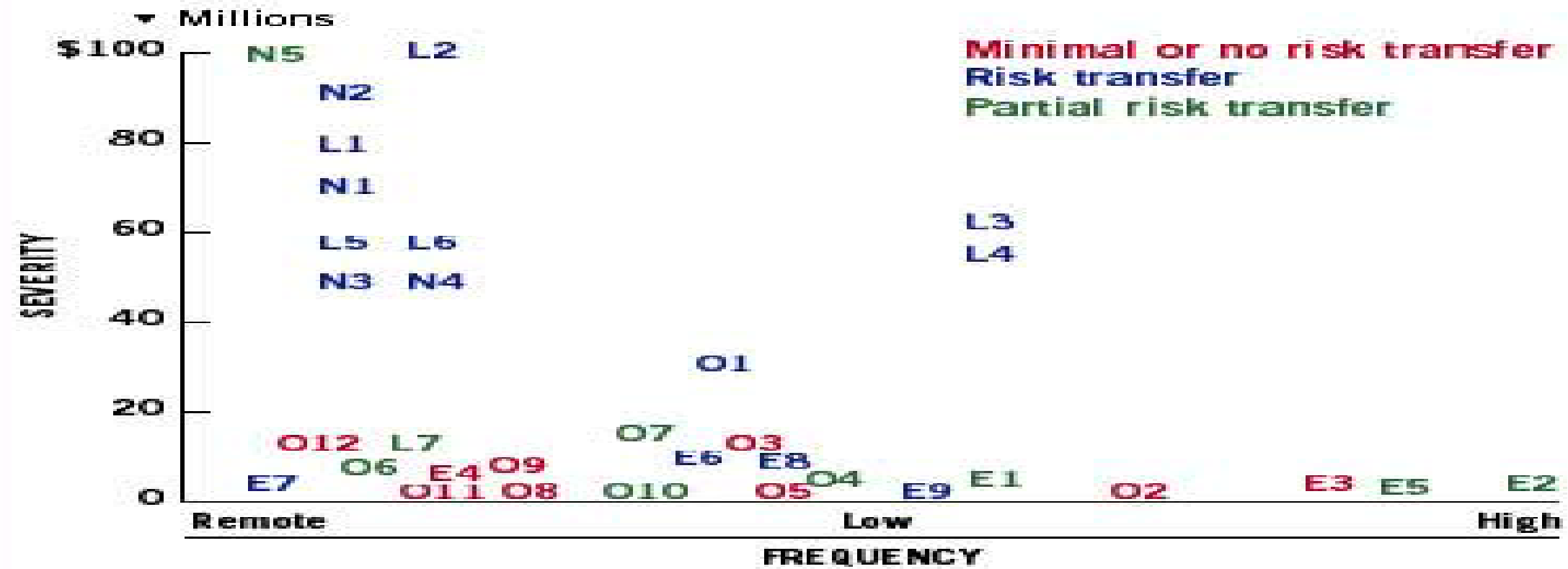
- “**Catastrophic**” risks often treated with **emergency plans and insurance**, *if available (EQ, wildfire, etc.)*

### Low Frequency & Low Severity

- Who cares? Moral(e) Hazard? **Lead to More FQ or \$?**



# PEABODY'S RISK MATRIX



## OPERATIONAL—EMPLOYMENT

- E1** Employers' liability
- E2** Workers' compensation (State)
- E3** Federal black lung
- E4** Employment-practices liability
- E5** Employee benefits
- E6** Fiduciary liability
- E7** Kidnap & ransom
- E8** Employee dishonesty (Crime)
- E9** Employee conduct

## OPERATIONAL—LIABILITY

- L1** Directors' & officers' liability
- L2** Aviation
- L3** General liability
- L4** Auto liability
- L5** Products liability
- L6** Marine
- L7** Vendor & contractor liability

## OPERATIONAL—NATURAL

- N1** Underground property
- N2** Surface property
- N3** Business income
- N4** Contingent business income
- N5** Business continuity

## OPERATIONAL—OPERATIONS

- O1** Joint-venture operations
- O2** Inventory obsolescence
- O3** Key supplier
- O4** Contractor
- O5** Equipment availability
- O6** Explosive-material safety
- O7** Power interruption
- O8** Labor interruption
- O9** Geological conditions
- O10** Safety
- O11** Hazardous material & environmental issues
- O12** Technology

## Case Study

### Tylenol Poisonings - 1982

Implemented comprehensive response, *more than was expected at the time*

- Total recall
- Reintroduced with new design and safety features

*What did they recognize as the key ingredient of their product?*

What did that force everyone else to do?

Lesson learned – *safety first.*

*Some cite this as the beginning of Enterprise Risk Management*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago\\_Tylenol\\_murders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago_Tylenol_murders)

## Application

# Poor Man's ERM

Gather 5-8 people you consider the best and brightest - senior managers, sales execs, technical experts, etc.

Give them definition of risk – anything that can prevent you from achieving your goals, and ask:

### **What are our top 3 risks?**

- Emphasis on *critical risks* - things that could *severely impact or even end your business*.
- Analyze and prioritize using **Risk Matrix** or similar method
- Take action to prevent or reduce impact

# Prioritizing Risks - Risk Assessment

## Measure of Risk = Consequences x Likelihood

(How Much?) x (How Often?)



### What are Consequences?

- Catastrophic: death or out of business
- Major: permanent disability or > 5 days out of business
- Minor: medical treatment or 1-5 days disruption
- Negligible: first aid, minor pd or no disruption

### What is Likelihood?

- Very likely – is expected in the near future (> 90%)
- Likely – will probably occur (@ 75%)
- Occasionally – might occur at some time (@ 50%)
- Unlikely – could occur at some time (@ 25%)
- Highly Unlikely – may occur in exceptional circumstances (<10%)

# Prioritizing Risks

## Risk Assessment- Measure of Risk



### Consequences x Likelihood

Start with the highest and work your way down

- Extreme Risk – immediate action
- High Risk – within one week
- Moderate Risk – within two weeks
- Low Risk – within one month

|                 |          | Consequences |            |            |            |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                 |          | <u>CAT</u>   | <u>MAJ</u> | <u>MIN</u> | <u>NEG</u> |
| Likelihood      | X        | <u>4</u>     | <u>3</u>   | <u>2</u>   | <u>1</u>   |
| Highly Unlikely | <u>1</u> | 4            | 3          | 2          | 1          |
| Unlikely        | <u>2</u> | 8            | 6          | 4          | 2          |
| Occasionally    | <u>3</u> | 12           | 9          | 6          | 3          |
| Likely          | <u>4</u> | 16           | 12         | 8          | 4          |
| Highly Likely   | <u>5</u> | 20           | 15         | 10         | 5          |



# Prioritizing Risks

## What Are the Odds?



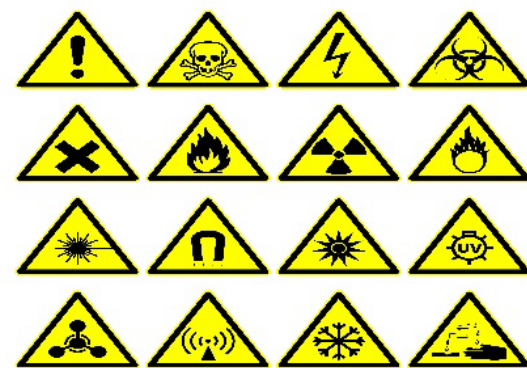
It's all about **probability**

- Objective = known odds. Rolling dice, playing cards, roulette, lottery, etc.
- Subjective = unknown odds. Your guess is as good as mine? **Do I know more than you?**
  - Expertise
  - History
  - Inside information
  - **"Accident waiting to happen?"**

**Which type do risk managers deal with?**

**NOTE - ALL Risk Analysis Has Objective and Subjective Components!**

**RISK = Hazard + Outrage\***



***Objective and Subjective Components***

**\*Peter Sandman: [www.psandman.com](http://www.psandman.com)**



## 2. *Examine Alternatives*

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Now that you've identified risks, what are you going to do about it?





## 2. *Examine Alternatives*

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- ❖ Systematic consideration of ALL techniques
- ❖ **Avoid jumping to conclusions**
- ❖ Feasibility of **costs & benefits**
- ❖ Far beyond “insurance” and “safety”

“Be wary of the man who urges an action in which he himself incurs no risk.” - Joaquin Setanti

## 2. *Examine Alternatives*

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### Risk Control Techniques

- Seek to make loss **less frequent, less severe** and *more predictable*

### Risk Financing Techniques

- Seek to provide **payment** to finance recovery from losses



## 2.A. Risk Control Techniques

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**Avoidance** - any measures taken to avoid becoming exposed to a risk or to discontinue an exposure to risk.

This is widely considered the least expensive risk management tool.

(Or is it?)

*Lost opportunities and unintended consequences are a factor!*

## 2.A. Risk Control Techniques

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**Loss Prevention** - measures taken to **reduce** the likelihood, or **frequency**, of losses.

- Example - video cameras, maintenance inspections

*Ideally*, these measures would seek to *reduce losses to zero*, but this is often not possible.

**Key question:** How much prevention do we need to undertake?

**What are the costs and benefits?**

# Case Study

## Ford Pinto

**Too myopic/narrow** & missed something in planning and execution that proved catastrophic

- Looking through wrong end of binoculars
- What was their “filter”?

**Very poor cost/benefit analysis**

- What did they forget to include?
- Why didn't anyone insist on corrections?

“Safety Doesn't Sell” – Lee Iacocca

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/1977/09/pinto-madness/>

## 2.A. Risk Control Techniques

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**Loss Reduction** - measures taken to reduce the *severity* of losses

**Loss has occurred, reduce its size or extent**

Examples: alarms, sprinklers, seat belts, emergency response plan

- **Pre-Loss** - Design Features, good hiring, training, controls, construction materials
- **Post loss** - Mitigation response, claims handling

***BOTH require pre-loss commitment!***

## 2.A. Risk Control Techniques

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**Uncertainty Reduction** - all efforts taken to improve knowledge or understanding of risk.

Sometimes the only option available is to reduce our uncertainty - as some risks cannot be managed.

## 2.A. Risk Control Techniques

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**Transference** - measures taken to transfer a risk, or *responsibility for a risk, to another party*. Often a combination of risk control and risk financing.

- Risk Control: subcontract asbestos removal
- Risk Transfer: hold harmless clause in contract

Transfers are effective tools but be certain what is transferred. Often, organizations transfer a risk but retain responsibility for it.



## 2.B. *Risk Financing Techniques*

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**Risk Retention:** using your money:

- Passive Risk Retention
- Retention by “oops”
- Deductibles
- **Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)**
  - Current expense - good for predictable low impact losses *if have good cash flow*
  - **Funded Reserve** - set aside cash or semi-liquid funds to pay for expected losses and liabilities

**YOU DON'T HAVE INSURANCE\* IF YOU ARE IN A RISK POOL!**

Most claims come straight out of YOUR budget

*wouldn't you rather have a raise?*

**Check your and/or your pool's SIR.**

## 2.B. Risk Financing Techniques

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**Risk Transfer:** using others' money

- **Contractual Risk Transfer**

- Only for specified types of losses, related to the services being performed
- Reimburse via indemnity provision
- Pay on behalf of via **hold harmless agreement**
- Pay direct via **additional insured endorsement**
- Only as good as the person making the promise
- *Organization still ultimately responsible*

*See Alliant IRIC Manual and Training*

## 2.B. Risk Financing Techniques

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**Risk Transfer:** using others' money

- **Commercial Insurance**
  - only for specified losses & only up to policy limits, in exchange for premium
  - insurer can become insolvent
  - coverage disputes
  - read the exclusions!

**Combination:** *sharing/pooling money*

- Intergovernmental **Pools/JPAs**, Mutuals

## 2.B. Risk Financing Techniques

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**Hedging** – using *futures options* to buy or sell your key commodities or limit financial losses

**Beyond pure risk to speculative risk**, traditionally the province of *financial risk management*

If your income is dependent on interest or exchange rates, **weather**, or **commodities** prices (fuel, food, metals), you can manage your risk through hedging.

See [www.guaranteedweather.com](http://www.guaranteedweather.com)

### 3. *Select Best Techniques*

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Choose “apparent” best techniques

- Don't wait for perfection
- Don't limit your options
- Risk control *and* risk financing can be used
- Another chance to be creative

“There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.” - John F. Kennedy



# 3. *Select Best Techniques*

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## Organizational Objectives

- *Appetite for risk*
- Legal constraints (Ordinances, Codes, etc.)

## Technical Considerations/Approach

- Retentions v. transfers
- SIR program v. insurance
- Employees v. outsourcing

## Application

What is *Your*  
Appetite For  
Risk?

Are you  
risk averse,  
risk neutral, or  
risk taker?

I am going to flip a coin. If it's heads, you will win \$1,000. If tails, you get nothing.

Your friend says "I'll give you \$300 right now to take your chance at \$1,000."

**Do you take \$300?**

- How about \$500?
- How about \$700?

What is the "**Expected Value**" of this transaction?

Hint –

$$(\$1,000 \times 50\%) + (\$0 \times 50\%) = ???$$

## 3. *Select Best Techniques*

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### Operational (Practical) Considerations

- Where to put additional staff
- Training levels, turn-over, interest
- Computer and IT support
- Liability for errors and penalties

### 3. *Select Best Techniques*

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#### Managerial Considerations

- Financial Criteria: time, money, people
- Morale
- How soon major retirement or reorganization?
- Support for risk management among Line Managers

### 3. *Select Best Techniques*

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#### Political Considerations

- “Turf” issues
- “Votes” and high-profile stakeholders
- Acceptance of reality v. fantasy
- Election cycles



## 4. *Implement Chosen Techniques*

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**MUST overcome “analysis paralysis”!**

***Don't Be a Deer in the Headlights***

They often get run over by risks!

# *Impediments to Enterprise RM*



## **HUMAN NATURE!**

We don't want to think about the bad things that could happen



# Implementing Risk Management Risk Communication

Gaining Trust is the First Step!

***You have to sell yourself first***

People must have the following reactions to your message:

**Believe:** Credibility – perceived as honest

**Trust:** Clarity – explain clear & simple

**Like:** Connection – with audience – *as a person*

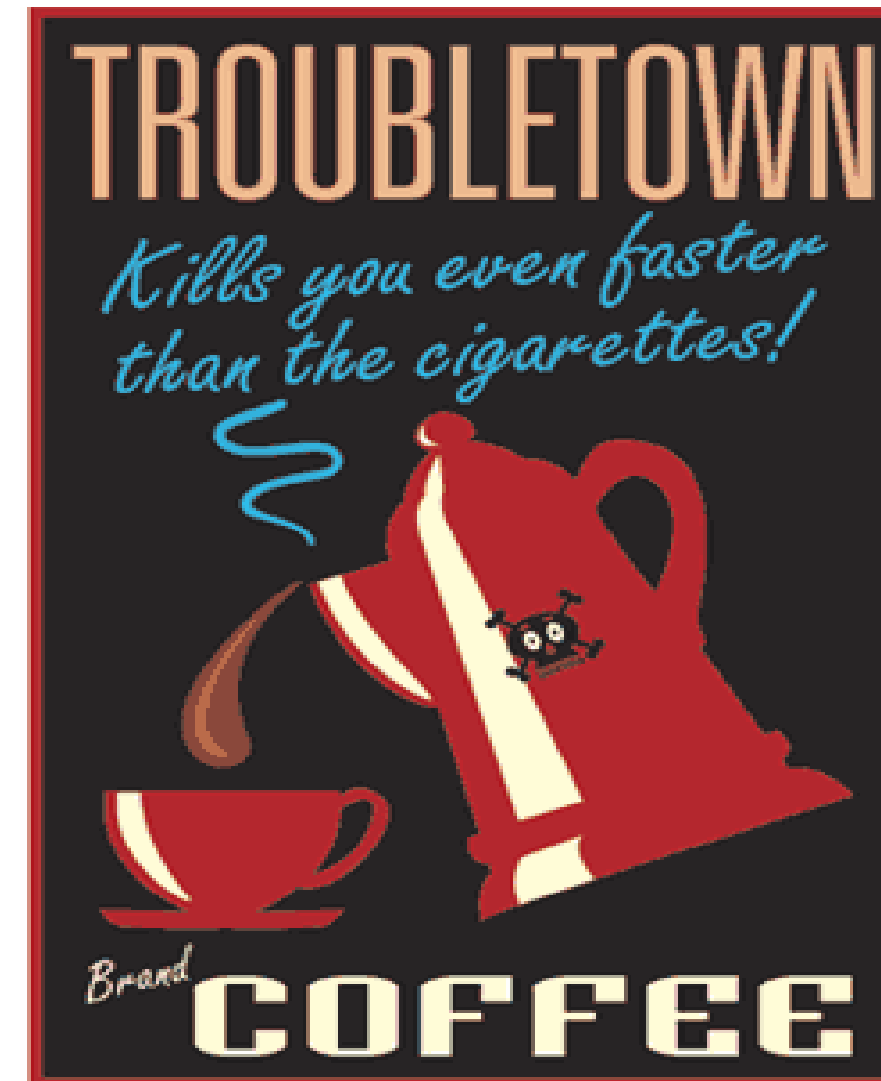
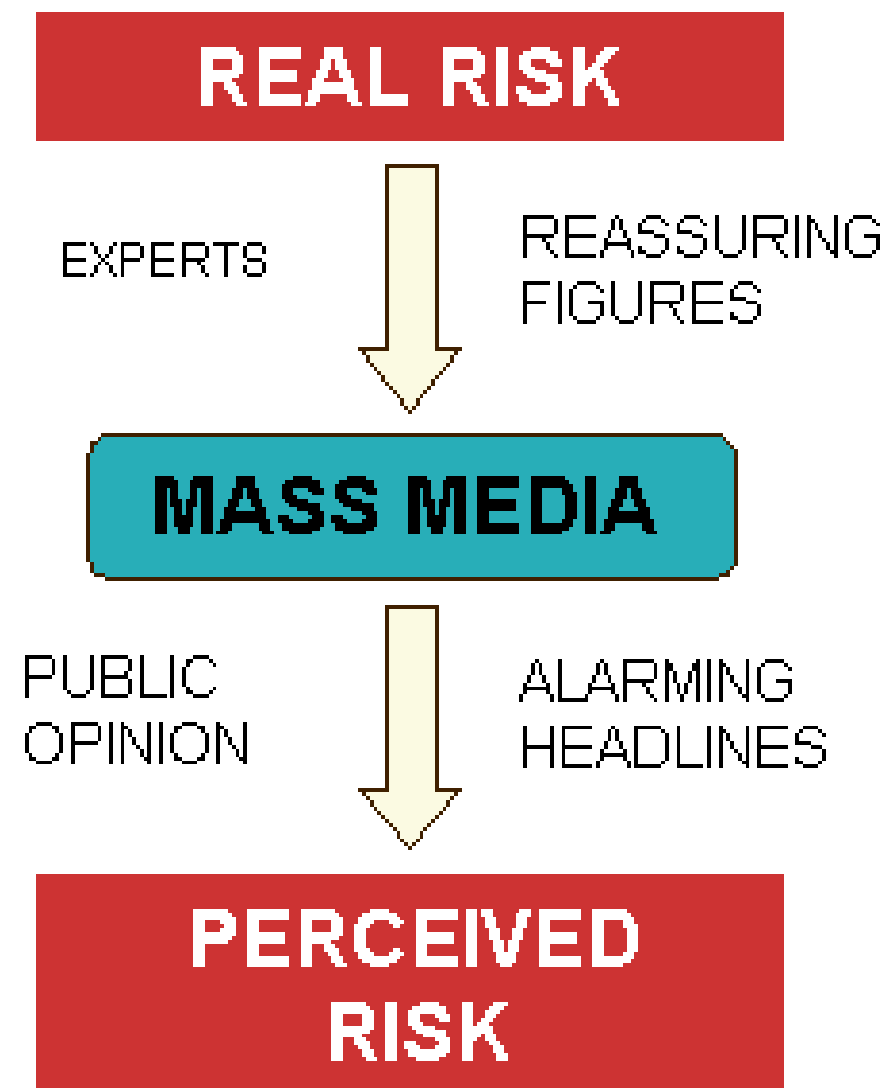
“People don’t care about how much you know,  
until they know how much you care ...  
about them” - Zig Zigler



“Trust me, I’m a Risk Manager”

# Risk Communication

## Perception is Reality!



**Is coffee bad again?  
I can't remember!**

## 4. Implementing RM – Risk Communication

### What is Risk from Public's View?

**Risk = Hazard + Outrage \***

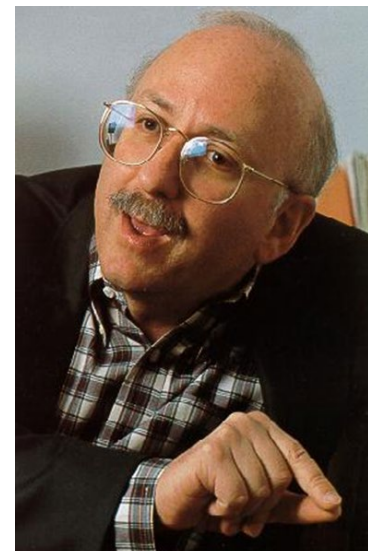
- Hazard = true risk
- Outrage = reaction to the risk

“Risk Management” then =

- **Outrage Reduction**, for bad hamburger meat, or
- **Outrage Increase**, for the environmentalist, or

**“Stop Worrying” v. “Watch Out”**

\* Peter Sandman's Theory <http://www.psandman.com>





# Risk Management Communication

OVERREACT?

UNDERREACT?

DON'T WORRY

WATCH OUT!



Apathy

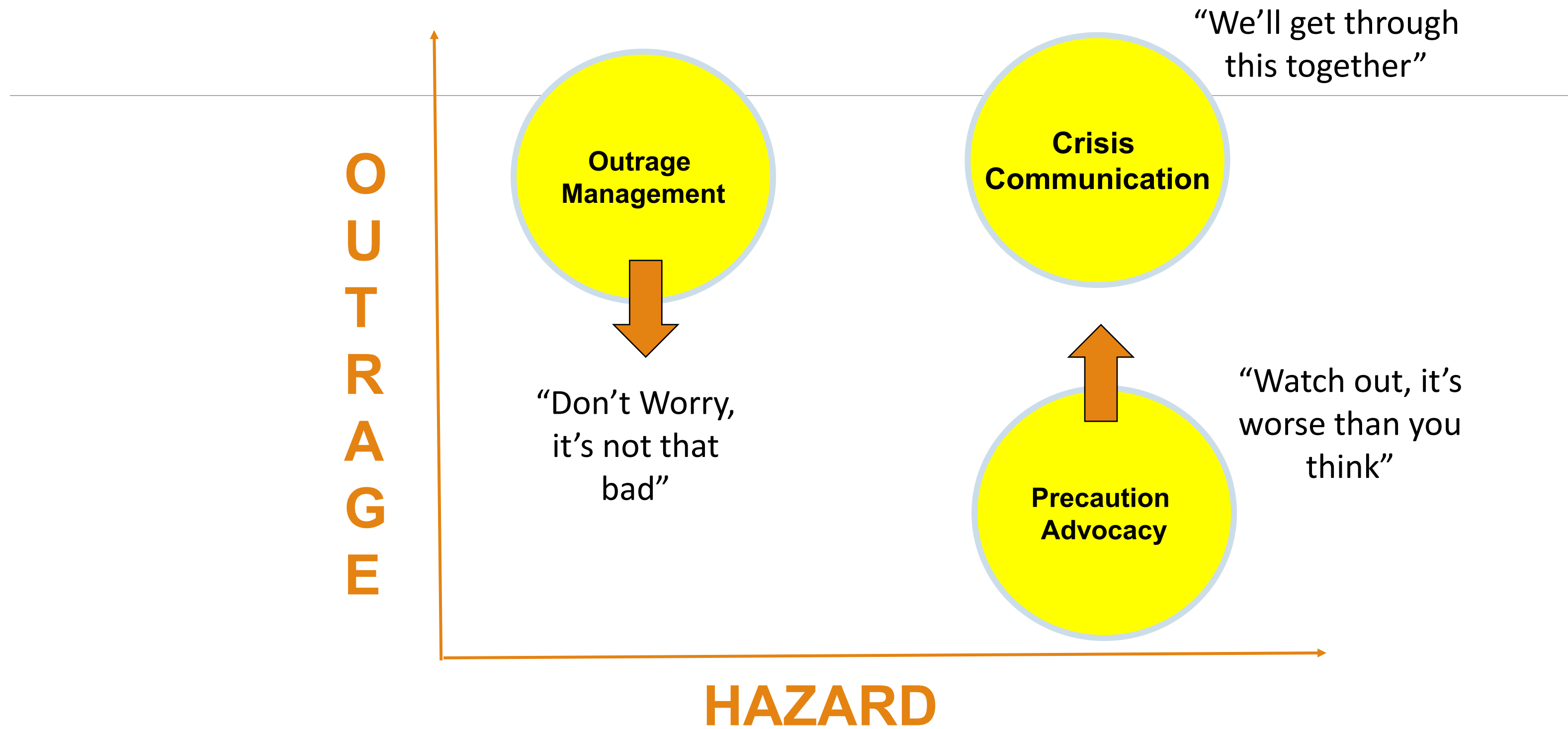
Interest

Advocacy

Outrage



# Risk Management Communication Strategies



# Risk Communication Guidelines

**Don't keep secrets.** Be honest, forthright, and prompt in providing risk information to affected publics.

**Listen to people's concerns.** Don't assume you know what they are, and don't assume it doesn't matter what they are.

**Share power.** Set up community advisory boards and other vehicles for giving affected communities increased control over the risk.

# Risk Communication Guidelines

**Don't expect to be trusted.** Instead of trust, aim at accountability; prepare to be challenged, and be able to prove your claims.

**Acknowledge errors**, whether technical or nontechnical. Apologize. Promise to do better. Keep the promise. *(see the [Asoh Defense](#))*

**Treat adversaries with respect** (even when they are disrespectful). If they force an improvement, give them the credit rather than claiming it yourself.

# Selling Risk Management



No one wants to “buy”!

People want to assume everything will be OK

Ask questions to ID the risk

*Often the answer presents itself*

The best solution is the one you helped them to create, not one you imposed or “sold”

**Your job is to get others to start asking the questions on their own**



# Implementing RM Resource v. Roadblock

**How do others see your role?**

Are you a resource?



Or a “roadblock?”



**Do you listen, ask questions, and make suggestions,  
or tell them why they can't do that?**

**“Find a way to say yes”**

# 5. Monitor Results & Improve

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**Make everyone responsible for *their* results and improvement**

If you keep getting poor results **change your approach!**



## 5. Monitor Results & Improve

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- ❖ Include in up-front planning
- ❖ Activity measures – “4 trainings this year”
- ❖ Results measures – “reduce claims by 10%”
- ❖ Comparison with standards, benchmarking
- ❖ Bottom-line, dollar measures
- ❖ Even if subjective or imprecise - measure it!
- ❖ Reassess risks and start all over



*Making Risk  
Management  
Work For Your  
Organization*

## Coordinating risk management efforts

How can organizations introduce risk management measures without making it just “one more thing to do?”

Introducing risk management into your organization involves a collection of activities that can be categorized as:

- **Necessary-to-do activities**
- **Nice-to-do activities**

# *Making Risk Management Work For Your Organization*

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Necessary-to-do activities

Create a **Risk Management Framework**

- Establish a **Risk Management Policy Statement**
- This is the authorizing document and blueprint for risk management activities.

**MUST have support from the top!**

*Also have regulations on your side for some things*





# Making Risk Management Work For Your Organization

## Necessary-to-do activities

- **Start with your Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP)\***
- Assign responsibility for risk management activities to one person, an existing committee, or, if possible, **create a risk management committee**. This person or group translates the policy statement into action.
- The person or committee responsible for risk management activities must:
  - Take responsibility for procuring *insurance or pooling services*
  - Confirm the organization follows **safety requirements** and other **legal standards**
  - Take responsibility for **emergency preparedness** planning

**The committee is the aggregator of information for your enterprise risk management efforts!**

***\*It's the first thing Cal-OSHA will ask you for when they visit you!***

# *Making Risk Management Work For Your Organization*

## **Nice-to-do activities**

- The responsible person or group would be advised to establish **Operational Best Practices**
  - Review all contracts, purchases and proposals for risks
  - Develop safety training programs
  - Establish claims and accident reporting procedures
  - *Establish regular inspection and maintenance programs*
  - Enact ordinances for sidewalks, trees, sewers
  - *Provide rewards and incentives for employees*

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## Nice-to-do activities

- Additional activities could include:
  - Creation of a risk management manual
  - Production of **annual performance reports**
  - Public forums and community safety programs
  - Periodic risk audits

**Set goals & tell them how you're doing!**

# *Making Risk Management Work For Your Organization*

It is important to know that:

- The introduction of any or all of these measures need not be overly intrusive
- Risk management is really nothing more than **thinking about** the impact of **risk** on the **everyday actions** of an organization and then *acting on those conclusions*.

*Risk Management = Applied Common Sense!*

*Train/learn when and how to  
shift from auto pilot to alert*

# For More Information

## Professional Risk Management Organizations

- [PARMA](#), [PRIMA](#), [CAJPA](#), [AGRiP](#), [CaIPELRA](#), [RIMS](#)

## Governmental Entities and Trade Groups

- FEMA, OSHA, COSO

## Insurance Education Organizations

- The Institutes - CPCU, ARM, AIC, etc. <https://web.theinstitutes.org/>
- Insurance Educational Association <https://ieatraining.org/>

RM Framework & Best Practices – shareable on NCC and SCORE sites.

Lots of resources on the [PRISM](#) site as well.

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