# Information risks



## **Management**

Senior managers need to be aware of the importance of information risk management. Practical management tools include security procedures to control access to information, the use of expertise and integrating information security and quality systems.

#### Are your risks under control in these areas?

Managers' awareness of the significance of information risks

Identifying the most important information

Identifying the greatest risks

Information security policy and practice

Information security as part of the quality system

Access to specialist expertise

Developing information security activities

Other

### Yes No N/A

Yes = satisfactory

No = action or more investigation is needed

N/A = not applicable

## **Activities of personnel**

Information risks are either managed or caused by the actions of people. Expertise and procedures create a foundation for success. You should provide employees with training, as well as effective tools for managing information risks, for example anti-virus software that updates computer systems automatically.

#### Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes

No N/A

**Training** 

Information security policy

Clear instructions

Procedures for staff who leave your business

Managing user rights

Preparing for failures and accidents

Protecting individual computers

Other

#### **Premises**

Accidents and theft are key information security risks. Basic control measures include controlling access to certain areas.

### Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes

N/A

No

Exposure to accidents

Shared occupancy of premises

Access control

Guarding and security against break-ins

Partitioning of premises and access rights

Archiving and document handling

Access to fax machines, photocopiers and printers

Customer areas

Other

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# **Protecting information systems**

Protecting electronic and paper-based information systems is one of the main challenges of information risk management.

#### Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes No N/A

Systems management

User rights

Remote working

Monitoring computer use

Archiving and handling documents

Managing change

Procuring software

Backing-up data

**Passwords** 

Intranet and internet use

Other

## **Business relationships**

Information risks in business relationships are increased by networking (linking your computer systems with those of business partners or customers and subcontractors). You should assess how secure the information security systems of third parties are, make sure there are no weak links in the network, and provide employees with training.

## Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes No N/A

Security of your network partners' systems

Common rules

Contracts

System user rights

Information security during negotiations

Protecting shared information

Other