



Deep knowledge, wide experience,
Information Risk Management expertise

Secure Your Information:
Strengthen Your Business

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Information risk is a high profile issue never far from the news today – whether it is lost laptops or full-blown cyber attack. **CONFIDENTIALITY, INTEGRITY** and **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION** are serious concerns. Combine this with increasing statutory, regulatory and contractual obligations and information security becomes a priority for every business and organisation today.

What you don't often hear is the positive message:

Effective Information Risk Management will set your business apart.

Understand the risk and get your security practices and architecture right and you build trust in what you do. It's a national priority that will sharpen your competitive edge.




Information is an important business asset. Any organisation that wants to be competitive, profitable and trusted must protect its valuable information from risk.

Mr David James

*Managing Director
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Your Information Risk Management Partner



£17 billion
Industrial espionage and
Intellectual Property theft
contributed to a cost of
£17 billion in the UK p.a.
Source: FT.com, Feb 2011

Ascentor are **INFORMATION RISK MANAGEMENT** specialists based in Gloucester, UK. We view information security as a powerful business enabler. The high value advice we give protects information and strengthens our clients' businesses. Whether you are a Government department, a supplier to Government or a Commercial organisation we'll help you raise your game.



Our new focus on information security is having a positive business impact. Information Risk Management with Ascentor is raising our game



NICK WALTERS
Service Manager, Multicom

Ascentor Clients

We work with Commercial businesses, Government organisations and Government suppliers who want to protect their valuable information.

Our **INFORMATION RISK MANAGEMENT** advisers help to put the risk into context, with pragmatic controls that manage the risk at every level.



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



The Ascentor Team

- Our management team and advisers are knowledgeable practitioners with deep experience of **INFORMATION RISK MANAGEMENT** practices, technology and standards.
- Our background is in **INFORMATION ASSURANCE** for sensitive Government projects. We continue to work on top-level cyber defence programmes and now deliver this high level of service to commercial businesses who want to ensure their information security is the best it can be.
- Knowing our subject inside out is one thing: using it to make a difference is another. We're a team of practical problem solvers whose focus is to get you business results. We're on your side, cutting through the complexity and sharing our expertise to bring you a positive result.

Ascentor's Information Risk Management Services

Protecting your information is much more than a tick-box exercise and it's not just an IT issue. Getting it right involves the whole business, from top to bottom.

We know that every organisation is different so the approach to **INFORMATION RISK MANAGEMENT** needs to be different too.

<p>At Enterprise Level</p>	<p>Projects</p>	<p>Meeting Standards</p>
<p>Reduce the risk across your business or organisation. From health checks and audits to strategy, policies and process we'll help you understand the risk and put efficient controls in place that address your business needs.</p>	<p>Most projects bring an element of information risk. If you are restructuring, outsourcing, merging with another business or considering new technology, Ascentor can help you to assess your information risks, to de-risk the delivery of your project and assist with your Business Continuity programmes.</p>	<p>We can help you identify and achieve the relevant commercial or Government standards, including PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard), ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security) and the BS25999 (Business Continuity) Security Policy Framework and all CESG Standards (e.g. IAS 1 and IAS 2).</p>
<p>Public Sector Programmes</p>	<p>Support for Suppliers to Government</p>	<p>Training and Development</p>
<p>We provide INFORMATION ASSURANCE services to the Public Sector in line with the Governments Cyber Security Strategy. We have extensive experience of working for the MoD and other central Government Departments on urgent and planned projects (UOR and EP). 'We pride ourselves on identifying real risks and providing real solutions to highly complex security problems. We de-risk project delivery'. We have recently gained our spurs in the PSN arena where we are acknowledged as having a specific and valuable specialism.</p>	<p>We work with suppliers and vendors across development and delivery cycles to ensure products and services used by Government and citizens are ready to meet the threat and are secure by default – as your outsourced CLAS consultancy we provide essential INFORMATION ASSURANCE input to all stages of your projects, your own internal ICT and your corporate INFORMATION RISK MANAGEMENT systems (e.g. Security Policy Framework).</p>	<p>An organisation's staff are its greatest asset...and training and development of its people are at the forefront of risk management. With this in mind we have a range of training courses available, with both 'open' and 'in company' courses, such as: ISO/IEC 27001 Lead and Internal Auditor and PCI DSS Implementation and Awareness. Also, Security Awareness and training in Government for INFORMATION ASSURANCE.</p>

Effective Information Risk Management the Ascentor way reduces the risk, strengthens businesses and saves money in the process.

£ 3 million

saved by **Government IT department** by implementing more efficient information security controls and architectures that were fit for purpose

£ 500,000

saved by **Southampton Football Club** by centralised approach to their information security compliance requirement

£ 1 million

saved by an **IT department** by implementing appropriate protection (not over-protection) of sensitive information

10 benefits of getting Information Risk Management right

- 1 An information security incident will shake customer confidence and cost you money. Effective Information Risk Management will protect your business.
- 2 Robust information security often means competitive advantage through an increase in trust that will improve the company's reputation for better sales results.
- 3 Mastering information security gives you the visibility and confidence to make better business decisions – decisions based on real risks, not rumours or scaremongering.
- 4 Information Risk Management can save money through more efficient controls and architectures and appropriate levels of protection.
- 5 Information Risk Management aids business continuity: keeping the business going in unforeseen circumstances or an emergency.
- 6 Knowing where your information is will enable you to put your finger on the right details fast: faced with any request you'll have full visibility.
- 7 A well thought out information security process will make you more responsive, more reactive. Making you more reactive as a business
- 8 You will be more likely to achieve your mission and goals because business operations will be more predictable.
- 9 Understanding and managing your risk means peace of mind – you've got the risk covered.
- 10 Effective Information Risk Management will standardise the business and help you raise your game.

Contact Ascentor

Managing information risk is a complex task. To do this effectively you'll need advice that is clear and actionable, with balanced, efficient controls appropriate to your business need. The Ascentor team would be delighted to assist.

Contact us to arrange a no obligation Risk Review Meeting to discover what's important to your organisation or project.

You will find more information and valuable resources at:



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