



# NYDFS – a guide to risk assessment

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# Agenda



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# Introductions



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# Overview of the risk assessment policy and procedures

(Section 500.09)



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- Risk assessments of information systems should be done periodically to inform the design of the cybersecurity program.
- The risk assessment must:
  - be updated if there are any changes to information systems, non-public information, or business operations
  - allow for revision of controls to respond to threats or any technological developments; consider risks of operations that relate to cybersecurity, information systems, collected or stored non-public information; and the effectiveness of controls to protect non-public information and information systems
  - be documented and implemented in accordance with written policies and procedures

# Overview of the risk assessment policy and procedures cont'd (Section 500.09)



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- Policies and procedures are to include:
  - measures for the evaluation and classification of identified cybersecurity threats or risks
  - conditions set for the assessment of the security, confidentiality and integrity, and availability of information systems and non-public information, including the suitability of current controls relating to identified risks
  - a plan to determine how identified risks based on the risk assessment will be mitigated or accepted, and how the cybersecurity program will address these risks

# The timescale to conduct a risk assessment



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- **By August 28, 2017**, organizations that are regulated by the New York State Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) must have achieved compliance with the first set of requirements, which include maintaining a cybersecurity policy and program.
- The cybersecurity program should be derived from the organization's **risk assessment**.

# The importance of the risk assessment



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- The **risk assessment** is an essential part of complying with the Regulation and should not be delayed. Many companies might see this requirement as a grueling task, but it does not have to be.
- vsRisk is a risk assessment software tool that can help you to comply with the Regulation, saving you time and money.

# Introduction to the online demonstration of vsRisk



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# vsRisk – an introduction

## What is vsRisk?

- vsRisk is a desktop application for tracking and managing an asset based information security risk assessment.
- vsRisk fully aligned with ISO 27001.
- vsRisk is available in both Standalone & Multi-user versions allowing businesses of all sizes to conduct an information security risk assessment with ease.

## Why is it needed?

- vsRisk ensures consistent, repeatable, and reliable risk assessments that save companies both time and money.
- Alleviates the pain points usually associated with spreadsheet based risk assessments.
- Streamlines the risk assessment process

## Who is it for?

- IT managers, IT risk managers, security analysts, compliance managers, CIOs/CISOs, and heads of IT.



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# What it does:

- Delivers the entire framework for conducting an ISO 27001 risk assessment.
- Makes storing and tracking data much easier and faster.
- Provides an audit trail for the risk assessment.
- Ensures a level of reliability and consistency that spreadsheets cannot.
- Eliminates input errors commonly found in spreadsheets.
- Generates six audit-ready reports including the Statement of Applicability (SoA) and risk treatment plan.
- Can incorporate an ISO 27001 information security management system (ISMS) toolkit, providing users with everything they need to implement the risk treatment plan that they design in vsRisk.

# vsRisk Preview



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# How it can help your business



## Easy to use

Your risk assessment procedure is as simple as choosing a few options and clicking a few buttons.



## Aligned with ISO 27001

Meets the ISO 27001 requirements for consistent, valid and comparable results.



## Can generate auditable reports

You can export reports, including the Statement of Applicability (SoA) and risk treatment plan (RTP), edit them and share them across the business and with auditors.



## Geared for repeatability

It is easy for you to repeat your risk assessments in a consistent manner year after year (or whenever circumstances change).



## Streamlined and accurate

Drastically reduces the chance of human error. It's simple, fast and accurate.

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# Question and answer session