



# Proactive Risk Assessment & Mitigation



## Our Policy

KAW Protection Group (referred to as "KAW" in this policy) is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our clients, employees, and assets. This policy establishes the framework for proactive risk assessment and mitigation, outlining our commitment to identifying, evaluating, and addressing potential risks to prevent security incidents, minimize vulnerabilities, and enhance overall security effectiveness.

### 1. Our Objective

The objective of this policy is to establish a proactive approach to risk assessment and mitigation within KAW Protection Group. This policy aims to:

- a. Identify potential risks and vulnerabilities in our operations, facilities, and services through a systematic and comprehensive process.
- b. Assess the likelihood, potential impact, and potential consequences of identified risks.
- c. Implement appropriate measures to mitigate or eliminate identified risks, focusing on prevention, deterrence, and early intervention.
- d. Continuously monitor and review risk mitigation strategies to ensure their effectiveness and relevance.
- e. Foster a culture of proactive risk management, promoting employee engagement and accountability across the organization.

### 2. Risk Assessment Process

a. KAW shall establish a systematic risk assessment process to identify and evaluate potential risks. The process shall include the following steps:

- i. **Risk Identification:** Conduct a comprehensive assessment of potential risks by reviewing historical data, conducting site visits, engaging with clients and stakeholders, and utilizing industry-specific risk assessment frameworks and methodologies.
- ii. **Risk Analysis:** Evaluate the likelihood, potential impact, and potential consequences of identified risks. This analysis will consider factors such as severity, frequency, vulnerability, threat vectors, and potential cascading effects.
- iii. **Risk Prioritization:** Prioritize risks based on their potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, focusing on those with the highest severity, probability, or potential for significant harm or disruption.
- iv. **Risk Documentation:** Document the identified risks, their likelihood, potential impact, prioritization, and associated mitigation strategies in a centralized risk register or similar tracking system. This documentation will serve as a reference for risk management activities and decision-making processes.

### 3. Mitigation Strategies

a. KAW shall implement appropriate measures to mitigate or eliminate identified risks. Mitigation strategies may include, but are not limited to:

- i. **Physical Security Measures:** Implement and maintain robust physical security measures such as access control systems, video surveillance, intrusion detection systems, and perimeter protection to deter and detect potential threats. Regularly assess and upgrade physical security measures based on emerging threats, technological advancements, and industry best practices.
- ii. **Personnel Training and Awareness:** Provide comprehensive training and awareness programs to employees on recognizing and responding to potential risks, emergency protocols, crisis management, and effective communication during security incidents. Ensure that employees are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to identify, report, and mitigate risks effectively.
- iii. **Operational Procedures and Policies:** Establish clear and effective operational procedures, including incident reporting, escalation processes, emergency response plans, and contingency plans. Regularly review, update, and communicate these procedures to all employees, ensuring their understanding and adherence. Conduct drills and exercises to test the effectiveness of these procedures and identify areas for improvement.
- iv. **Technology Utilization and Innovation:** Leverage technological advancements in the security industry, such as advanced analytics, threat intelligence platforms, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, to enhance risk detection, monitoring, and response capabilities. Regularly assess, evaluate, and adopt emerging security technologies that align with evolving threats, risk profiles, and operational needs.
- v. **Partnerships and Collaborations:** Collaborate with relevant external stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, emergency services, industry associations, and clients, to share information, best practices, and intelligence on emerging threats. Engage in partnerships and collaborations to access specialized resources, expertise, and threat intelligence for risk mitigation. Participate in industry forums, conferences, and working groups to stay updated on emerging trends, regulatory changes, and industry standards.

### 4. Continuous Monitoring and Review

a. KAW shall continuously monitor and review the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies. This includes:

- i. **Regular Risk Assessments:** Conduct periodic risk assessments to identify emerging risks, assess changes in risk profiles, and evaluate the effectiveness of existing mitigation strategies. Utilize internal resources or engage external consultants to ensure thorough and impartial assessments.
- ii. **Incident Analysis and Lessons Learned:** Analyse security incidents, near misses, and lessons learned to identify potential weaknesses or areas requiring additional mitigation measures. Conduct thorough incident investigations and root cause analysis to understand the underlying factors contributing to incidents and implement preventive measures.
- iii. **Security Audits and Compliance:** Conduct regular security audits and inspections to assess the implementation and compliance of risk mitigation measures. Identify any non-conformances, vulnerabilities, or areas of improvement and take appropriate corrective actions. Ensure compliance with relevant laws, regulations, industry standards, and client-specific security requirements.
- iv. **Stakeholder Feedback and Client Satisfaction:** Seek feedback from clients, employees, and relevant stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies. Incorporate their input into the continuous improvement process and use it to inform future risk management decisions.
- v. **Industry Best Practices and Emerging Threats:** Stay abreast of industry best practices, emerging threats, and regulatory requirements related to risk assessment and mitigation. Regularly review and update risk management practices to align with evolving security challenges, technological advancements, and industry standards.

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#### **5. Employee Engagement and Accountability:**

a. KAW recognizes that employee engagement and accountability are vital to proactive risk assessment and mitigation. We shall:

- i. Foster a culture of risk awareness and accountability among employees at all levels of the organization. Promote their active involvement in identifying, reporting, and mitigating potential risks.
- ii. Provide regular training and education to employees on risk assessment methodologies, emerging threats, industry best practices, and the importance of proactive risk management.
- iii. Encourage employees to report any identified risks or vulnerabilities promptly through established reporting channels. Provide mechanisms for anonymous reporting, if necessary, to encourage the free flow of information.
- iv. Recognize and reward employees who demonstrate proactive risk management behaviours, contribute to the continuous improvement of risk mitigation strategies, and exemplify a commitment to a safe and secure working environment.

#### **6. Compliance and Legal Requirements:**

a. KAW shall ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards pertaining to risk assessment and mitigation. This includes but is not limited to:

- i. **Work Health and Safety (WHS) Legislation:** Comply with relevant WHS legislation, codes of practice, and guidelines that govern risk management practices to ensure a safe and healthy work environment.
- ii. **Security Industry Regulations:** Adhere to the requirements and licensing conditions set forth by relevant security industry regulations and licensing authorities.
- iii. **Privacy and Data Protection:** Comply with applicable privacy and data protection laws and regulations when collecting, storing, and handling personal or sensitive information during the risk assessment process.
- iv. **Contractual Obligations:** Fulfill contractual obligations related to risk management and mitigation as specified in agreements with clients, suppliers, and other stakeholders.
- v. **Reporting and Disclosure Requirements:** Adhere to reporting and disclosure requirements mandated by law or regulatory bodies in relation to specific risks or security incidents.

## **7. Communication and Training:**

- a. KAW shall communicate and educate employees, clients, and stakeholders about the proactive risk assessment and mitigation policy and the importance of proactive risk management. This includes:
- i. **Training Programs:** Provide comprehensive training programs to employees on risk assessment methodologies, risk identification techniques, incident reporting, and risk mitigation strategies. Ensure that training is regularly updated to reflect changing risks and industry standards.
  - ii. **Stakeholder Communication:** Maintain clear and transparent communication channels with clients, suppliers, partners, and other stakeholders regarding risk assessment and mitigation efforts. Share relevant information on identified risks, mitigation strategies, and their effectiveness, as appropriate and within legal constraints.
  - iii. **Reporting Mechanisms:** Establish and promote confidential reporting mechanisms for employees and stakeholders to report potential risks, vulnerabilities, or security concerns. Ensure that these mechanisms protect the anonymity and confidentiality of individuals who raise concerns.

## **8. Continuous Improvement:**

- a. KAW is committed to continuous improvement in risk assessment and mitigation practices. This includes:
- i. **Review and Evaluation:** Regularly review and evaluate the effectiveness of the risk assessment and mitigation processes, policies, and procedures. This review shall consider feedback from stakeholders, incident analysis, lessons learned, industry best practices, and emerging threats.
  - ii. **Risk Management Culture:** Foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation in risk management practices. Encourage employees to propose ideas for enhancing risk assessment methodologies, mitigation strategies, and overall security effectiveness.
  - iii. **Collaboration and Learning:** Engage with industry associations, security forums, and relevant networks to share knowledge, best practices, and lessons learned. Participate in professional development opportunities to stay updated on emerging trends, technologies, and regulatory changes in risk assessment and mitigation.

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