

Risk Assessment and Response Plan



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With church building programs, churches manage risk in a variety of ways. Some manage risk in a highly structured manner, while others take a much more laissez-faire approach. Unfortunately, most churches take the latter approach, assuming that the managing of risk is the architect's and/or builder's responsibility. Those churches who manage risk this way will most likely be managing the risk of losing money for their congregations.

A Risk Assessment and Response Plan looks at all aspects and phases of a project and asks these questions:

- What could happen?
- What would the effect be on the project?
- What will the response be if it does happen?

There are usually 6 steps in developing a Risk Assessment and Response Plan.

1. Identify potential risk events that could happen over the course of the church building program.
2. Assign the probability of the occurrence and estimated impact.
3. Determine the costs of the possible risk events.
4. Prioritize the risk events based upon probability of occurrence and impact.
5. Develop appropriate strategies for managing the risk events, such as avoiding, transferring, or minimizing.
6. Manage the risks during the execution of the project.

