

Risk scoring matrix for political finance oversight institutions

Risk scoring is not an exact science, but the following risk matrix and score definitions may be helpful. NB: The most important thing about managing a risk is not the score itself, but the quality of the conversation you have about the risk, and the efficacy of the controls you put in place.

Likelihood	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
	Scores	1	2	3	4	5
		Impact				

Key:

Likelihood scores:

- 1 = Very unlikely
- 2 = Unlikely
- 3 = Possible
- 4 = Probable
- 5 = Almost certain

Impact scores:

- 1 = Insignificant
- 2 = Minor
- 3 = Moderate
- 4 = Major
- 5 = Very severe

Likelihood x Impact = risk score

Low risk
Medium risk
High risk