

RISK MANAGEMENT IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



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There are many misconceptions about risk management and internal control. As a result, knowledge sharing is vitally important to an effective system of risk management and control. Part of the on-going educational process is to dispel the myths about risk management and internal control and to present the straight story. Following are just a few of the myths and the corresponding facts:

| MYTH | FACT |
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| Internal control STARTS with a strong set of policies and procedures. | Internal control STARTS with STRONG support from the TOP down! |
| Internal controls are essentially negative, a list of “thou shalt not’s”. | Internal control attempts to make the right things happen the first time / every time. |
| Internal controls are a necessary evil. | Internal controls are to be built into , not onto , your business processes. |
| Risk Management is common sense. | Risk Management is NOT always common practice. |
| Implementation alone guarantees a well controlled working environment. | CONSTANT monitoring, inspecting, documenting, revising is <u>necessary!</u> |

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