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1. Risk Avoidance

- Eliminating the activity or exposure that creates the risk entirely (e.g., not entering a high-risk market).

2. Risk Reduction

- Implementing controls or measures to reduce the likelihood or impact of a risk (e.g., improved cybersecurity controls).

3. Risk Transfer

- Shifting the financial burden of a risk to a third party, typically through insurance or contractual arrangements (e.g., outsourcing).

4. Risk Acceptance

- Consciously choosing to retain a risk because the cost of mitigation exceeds the potential impact, or the risk is within acceptable tolerance.

5. Choosing a Strategy

- The choice depends on the organization's risk appetite, the cost of mitigation options, and the severity/likelihood of the risk.

6. Combining Strategies

- Organizations often use a combination of strategies for a single risk (e.g., reducing a risk through controls while also transferring residual risk via insurance).