

# The 12-Point Governance Checklist

Where does your infrastructure actually stand?

Most firms don't lack technology — they lack visibility. Without structure, every backup is a theory and every compliance claim is untested. These are the twelve control points we evaluate first. Work through them honestly: the goal is a clear read on where you're governed, where you're exposed, and what to fix first.

FOR EACH CONTROL, MARK WHERE YOU STAND TODAY:

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## ■ GROWTH LEVERAGE

### 01 Repetitive work is automated

*Manual, repeatable tasks are documented and automated where they create capacity.*

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### 02 Margin leaks are visible

*Leadership can see where time, rework, or dropped follow-up is quietly costing money.*

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### 03 AI is used under governance

*AI tools are approved, scoped, and governed — not used informally with company data.*

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## ■ BUSINESS CONTINUITY

### 04 Downtime tolerance is defined

*You know how long each critical system can be down before the business is hurt.*

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### 05 Recovery is tested, not assumed

*Backups are verified by regular test restores — recovery has been proven this year.*

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### 06 Key-person dependency is reduced

*Critical access and knowledge don't live solely in one or two people's heads.*

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■ **CYBER CONTROL**

**07 Identity & access are disciplined**

*MFA is enforced everywhere, access follows least privilege, offboarding is immediate.*

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**08 Detection & response are ready**

*You'd know quickly if compromised, and a written plan names who responds.*

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**09 Insurance & audit evidence exists**

*You can produce the documentation an insurer or auditor would demand, on short notice.*

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■ **EXECUTION & GOVERNANCE**

**10 Ownership is clear**

*Technology and risk decisions have a named executive owner — not 'whoever is free.'*

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**11 A roadmap is documented**

*A 12-month technology and risk roadmap exists and is reviewed on a set cadence.*

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**12 Leadership reviews on cadence**

*Posture, risks, and decisions are reviewed on a recurring cadence (e.g. quarterly).*

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■ **READING YOUR RESULTS**

● **Mostly In place** — **Governed.**

Your foundation is strong. The priority now is scaling without new risk — and proving it on cadence.

● **A mix of Partial** — **Stabilizing.**

You've avoided the worst exposures, but missing controls are capping growth. Close them before they compound.

● **Several Missing** — **Exposed.**

Your infrastructure is running on assumptions. This is the most fixable position to be in — structure changes it fast.

**THE NEXT STEP**

**Want the number, not just the checklist?**

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