

5 Step Process

- 5-Step cycle of RM where hazards are continually identified, assessed, mitigated and controlled, and evaluated.

NOTE: THE 5-Step Process is being incorporated into all revised and updated AF RM Courseware and guidance to bring the AF in-line with the DoD standard utilized by other services. It is recommended that 5-Step process be introduced to all personnel, but until revised guidance and training revisions are completed, use of the 6-Step RM Process (and any associated training/testing based on this process) will continue to be the standard.



5 Step Process Wheel

Shown Above

Identify Hazards A hazard is any real or potential condition that can cause mission degradation; injury, illness, or death to personnel; or damage or loss of equipment or property.

Assess Hazards

Quantify and qualify the probability and severity of loss from exposure to the hazard.

Develop Controls and Make Decisions

The appropriate decision maker uses cost versus benefit analysis to choose the best control(s).

Implement Controls

Plan for implementation of control(s) and the commitment of resources to do it

Supervise & Evaluate

Proactive follow-up on effectiveness of control(s).