

***15 Poor Reasons Not to Have a Risk Management Process:**

1. We have no risks.
2. Identifying and making risks public will kill the program.
3. We deal with problems as they arise.
4. My customer/boss/whoever doesn't want to hear that he/she is the source of risk.
5. You can't predict what will happen a year from now.
6. No one on the staff knows how to do risk management.
7. We plan to start implementing risk management next year.
8. There is nothing in it for me.
9. Our job is to develop megawidgets, not fill out bureaucratic forms and go to stupid meetings.
10. If I gave a realistic risk assessment, no one would listen.
11. That method/process/tool/software/hardware is not a risk. X said so.
12. This project is too small to do risk management.
13. We can't identify risks based on government (or industry) metrics because our project/process is different.
14. Things are going smoothly. We're on schedule and under budget.
15. We don't have time.

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