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ID. IDENTIFY YOUR CONTEXT

ID.AM IDENTIFY ALL RELEVANT ASSETS

1	Identify the assets that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
2	Identify the data that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
3	Identify the devices that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
4	Identify the systems that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
5	Identify the facilities that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
6	Identify the personnel that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
7	Manage your assets in a way that is consistent with their relative importance.	DO	DN	NA	
8	Manage your data in a way that is consistent with its relative importance.	DO	DN	NA	
9	Consider how important your data is to the achievement of your objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
10	Consider how important your data is to the implementation of your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
11	Manage your devices in a way that is consistent with their relative importance.	DO	DN	NA	
12	Consider how important your devices are to the achievement of your objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
13	Consider how important your devices are to the implementation of your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
14	Manage your systems in a way that is consistent with their relative importance.	DO	DN	NA	
15	Consider how important your systems are to the achievement of your objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
16	Consider how important your systems are to the implementation of your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
17	Manage your facilities in a way that is consistent with its relative importance.	DO	DN	NA	
18	Consider how important your facilities are to the achievement of your objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
19	Consider how important your facilities are to the implementation of your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
20	Manage your personnel in a way that is consistent with its relative importance.	DO	DN	NA	
21	Consider how important your personnel are to the achievement of your objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
22	Consider how important your personnel are to the implementation of your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	

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ID.AM-1 IDENTIFY YOUR PHYSICAL DEVICES AND SYSTEMS					
23	Inventory the devices that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
24	Manage the devices that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
25	Manage your devices in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
26	Manage devices in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
27	Manage your devices in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
28	Inventory the systems that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
29	Manage the systems that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
30	Manage your systems in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
31	Manage systems in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
32	Manage your systems in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.AM-2 IDENTIFY YOUR SOFTWARE PLATFORMS AND APPS					
33	Identify the software platforms that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
34	Inventory the platforms that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
35	Manage the platforms that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
36	Manage your platforms in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
37	Manage platforms in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
38	Manage your platforms in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
39	Identify the software applications that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
40	Inventory the applications that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
41	Manage the applications that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
42	Manage your applications in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	

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43	Manage applications in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
44	Manage your applications in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.AM-3 IDENTIFY YOUR COMMUNICATION AND DATA FLOWS					
45	Identify the communications that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
46	Map the communications that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
47	Manage the communications that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
48	Manage your communications in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
49	Manage communications in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
50	Manage your communications in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
51	Identify the data flows that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
52	Map the data flows that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
53	Manage the data flows that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
54	Manage your data flows in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
55	Manage data flows in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
56	Manage your data flows in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.AM-4 IDENTIFY YOUR EXTERNAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS					
57	Identify the external information systems that enable you to achieve business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
58	Catalogue the external systems that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
59	Manage the external systems that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
60	Manage your external systems in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
61	Manage external systems in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
62	Manage your external systems in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	

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ID.AM-5 IDENTIFY YOUR HIGH PRIORITY SECURITY RESOURCES

63	Identify high priority security facilities that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
64	Prioritize the security facilities that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
65	Use facility classifications to prioritize your security facilities.	DO	DN	NA	
66	Consider their criticality when you prioritize security facilities.	DO	DN	NA	
67	Consider their business value when you prioritize security facilities.	DO	DN	NA	
68	Manage the security facilities that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
69	Manage your security facilities in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
70	Manage security facilities in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
71	Manage security facilities in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
72	Identify high priority security hardware that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
73	Prioritize the security hardware that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
74	Use hardware classifications to prioritize your security hardware.	DO	DN	NA	
75	Consider its criticality when you prioritize your security hardware.	DO	DN	NA	
76	Consider its business value when you prioritize your security hardware.	DO	DN	NA	
77	Manage the security hardware that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
78	Manage your security hardware in a way that is consistent with its importance.	DO	DN	NA	
79	Manage security hardware in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
80	Manage security hardware in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
81	Identify high priority security software that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
82	Prioritize the security software that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
83	Use software classifications to prioritize your security software.	DO	DN	NA	

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84	Consider its criticality when you prioritize your security software.	DO	DN	NA	
85	Consider its business value when you prioritize your security software.	DO	DN	NA	
86	Manage the security software that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
87	Manage your security software in a way that is consistent with its importance.	DO	DN	NA	
88	Manage security software in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
89	Manage security software in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
90	Identify high priority security devices that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
91	Prioritize the security devices that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
92	Use device classifications to prioritize your security devices.	DO	DN	NA	
93	Consider their criticality when you prioritize security devices.	DO	DN	NA	
94	Consider their business value when you prioritize security devices.	DO	DN	NA	
95	Manage the security devices that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
96	Manage your security devices in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
97	Manage security devices in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
98	Manage security devices in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
99	Identify high priority security data that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
100	Prioritize the security data that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
101	Use data classifications to prioritize your security data.	DO	DN	NA	
102	Consider its criticality when you prioritize security data.	DO	DN	NA	
103	Consider its business value when you prioritize security data.	DO	DN	NA	
104	Manage the security data that supports your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
105	Manage your security data in a way that is consistent with its importance.	DO	DN	NA	

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106	Manage security data in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
107	Manage your security data in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
108	Identify high priority security personnel that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
109	Prioritize the security personnel that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
110	Use personnel classifications to prioritize your security personnel.	DO	DN	NA	
111	Consider their criticality when you prioritize security personnel.	DO	DN	NA	
112	Consider their business value when you prioritize security personnel.	DO	DN	NA	
113	Manage the security personnel that support your organization's purpose.	DO	DN	NA	
114	Manage security personnel in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	
115	Manage security personnel in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
116	Manage security personnel in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.AM-6 IDENTIFY YOUR SECURITY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES					
117	Identify the cybersecurity jobs that enable you to achieve your business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
118	Establish the cybersecurity jobs that enable you to achieve business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
119	Establish cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for your entire workforce.	DO	DN	NA	
120	Establish cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for third party stakeholders.	DO	DN	NA	
121	Establish cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for your partners.	DO	DN	NA	
122	Establish cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for your suppliers.	DO	DN	NA	
123	Establish cybersecurity roles and responsibilities for your customers.	DO	DN	NA	
124	Manage the cybersecurity jobs that enable you to achieve business purposes.	DO	DN	NA	
125	Manage your organization's cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
126	Manage cybersecurity jobs in a way that is consistent with their importance.	DO	DN	NA	

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127		Manage cybersecurity jobs in a way that is consistent with business objectives.	DO	DN	NA	
128		Manage cybersecurity jobs in a way that is consistent with your risk strategy.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.BE IDENTIFY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT						
129		Identify and understand your mission, objectives, activities, and stakeholders.	DO	DN	NA	
130		Use this information to establish your organization's cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
131		Study your organization's mission and establish cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
132		Study your organization's activities and establish cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
133		Study your organization's objectives and establish cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
134		Study your organization's stakeholders and establish cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
135		Use your cybersecurity priorities to help define your approach to cybersecurity.	DO	DN	NA	
136		Use your mission statement to help define cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
137		Use your mission statement to help guide your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
138		Use your list of objectives to help define cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
139		Use your list of objectives to help guide your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
140		Use your list of activities to help define cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
141		Use your list of activities to help guide your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
142		Use your list of stakeholders to help define cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
143		Use your list of stakeholders to help guide your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.BE-1 CLARIFY YOUR ORGANIZATION'S ROLE IN THE OVERALL SUPPLY CHAIN						
144		Identify your organization's role in the supply chain.	DO	DN	NA	
145		Use this information to clarify your organization's cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
146		Use this information to influence your organization's risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	

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147	Understand your organization's role in the supply chain.	DO	DN	NA	
148	Communicate your organization's role in the overall supply chain.	DO	DN	NA	
149	Explain how your role in the supply chain affects your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
150	Explain how your role in the supply chain affects your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.BE-2 CLARIFY HOW YOU FIT INTO YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE ENVIRONMENT					
151	Identify how your organization's infrastructure fits into your area's infrastructure.	DO	DN	NA	
152	Identify how your infrastructure fits into your region's critical infrastructure.	DO	DN	NA	
153	Use this regional information to clarify your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
154	Use this regional information to influence your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
155	Identify how your infrastructure fits into your organization's industrial sector.	DO	DN	NA	
156	Use this industry information to clarify your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
157	Use this industry information to influence your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
158	Understand the role that your infrastructure plays in your area's infrastructure.	DO	DN	NA	
159	Communicate the role that your infrastructure plays in your area's infrastructure.	DO	DN	NA	
160	Explain how your infrastructure's role affects your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
161	Explain how your infrastructure's role affects your risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.BE-3 CLARIFY YOUR ORGANIZATION'S GENERAL CYBERSECURITY PRIORITIES					
162	Communicate your organization's infrastructure cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
163	Explain how your mission affects your organization's cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
164	Explain how your mission affects cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
165	Explain how your organization's mission affects risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
166	Explain how your objectives affect your organization's cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	

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167	Explain how your objectives affect cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
168	Explain how your organization's objectives affect risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
169	Explain how your activities affect your organization's cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
170	Explain how your activities affect cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
171	Explain how your organization's activities affect your management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
172	Explain how your stakeholders affect your organization's cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
173	Explain how your stakeholders affect cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
174	Explain how your organization's stakeholders affect risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
ID.BE-4 CLARIFY YOUR CRITICAL FUNCTIONS, SERVICES, AND DEPENDENCIES					
175	Identify your organization's critical functions, services, and dependencies.	DO	DN	NA	
176	Understand how critical functions affect your cybersecurity roles.	DO	DN	NA	
177	Understand how critical services affect your cybersecurity roles.	DO	DN	NA	
178	Understand how dependencies affect your cybersecurity roles.	DO	DN	NA	
179	Understand how critical functions affect your cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
180	Understand how critical services affect your cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
181	Understand how dependencies affect your cybersecurity priorities.	DO	DN	NA	
182	Understand how critical functions affect your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
183	Understand how critical services affect your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
184	Understand how dependencies affect your cybersecurity responsibilities.	DO	DN	NA	
185	Understand how critical functions affect your cybersecurity risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
186	Understand how critical services affect your cybersecurity risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	
187	Understand how dependencies affect your cybersecurity risk management decisions.	DO	DN	NA	

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