7 STEPS IN THE RMF

1. Prepare: Essential activities to **prepare** the organization to manage security and privacy risks
2. Categorize: **Categorize** the system and information processed, stored, and transmitted based on an impact analysis
3. Select: **Select**the set of NIST SP 800-53 controls to protect the system based on risk assessment(s)
4. Implement: **Implement** the controls and document how controls are deployed
5. Assess: **Assess** to determine if the controls are in place, operating as intended, and producing the desired results
6. Authorize: Senior official makes a risk-based decision to **authorize** the system (to operate)
7. Monitor: Continuously monitor control implementation and risks to the system

Link: <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/risk-management/about-rmf>