

#### 1 - Vendor Identification

Create a list of all vendors starting with those that provide important services or have access to sensitive data. Also take into account smaller vendors that provide support services.



## 2 - Risk Evaluation

Classify vendors based on inherent risk



### 3 - Use Questionnaires to Determine Residual Risk

Your organization may be required to comply with standards like ISO 27001, NIST SP 800-53, CSA CCM, etc. Your questionnaire should cover questions related to such frameworks and compliance requirements.



# 4 - Assign Ratings to Risks

Use a scorecard to determine the level of threat posed by the risks.

- High Risk Deploy mitigation steps immediately
- Medium Risk Deploy mitigation steps within a stipulated time frame
- Low Risk Accept the risk or deploy mitigation steps over an extended period of time.





## 6 - Continuous Risk Monitoring

Risks are constantly changing and evolving and thus continuous monitoring is necessary.

