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The phrase "The Dangers of Change Approval Processes" refers to the potential risks and pitfalls associated with how change requests are managed within an organization. These processes are vital for ensuring that changes in systems, procedures, or policies are thoroughly evaluated before implementation. However, if these approval procedures are very complex, inconsistent, or not managed correctly, they can have significant dangers.

An example is that delays in approval can hinder operational agility, causing missed opportunities or increased downtime. Poor study might lead to unauthorized or poorly tested changes, risking system stability, security breaches, or data loss. This is why a well-designed change approval process is very important because it balances the need for oversight with efficiency that helps organizations maintain stability while accommodating necessary improvements. If not properly managed, these processes, organizational assets and reputation can result in poorly controlled approval workflows and result in costly errors. Understanding the dangers associated with change approval processes emphasizes the importance of establishing clear, consistent, and transparent procedures that ease risks while enabling continuous and safe growth within the organization.

To effectively navigate and limit risks, it is vital to develop a comprehensive understanding of the underlying causes of mistakes. This begins with establishing clear, well-defined approval procedures that ensure transparency throughout the lifecycle. Additionally, having open communication channels between stakeholders that range from project teams to sponsors serves to align expectations and offers timely feedback by reducing the likelihood of oversight or resistance.

Practical steps include implementing structured change assessment frameworks that evaluate potential risks and impacts before approval, ensuring that each change is justified with adequate data. Training managers and decision-makers to recognize common errors such as incomplete analysis or undue resistance can further improve the process. For example, including lessons learned from previous change initiatives into current practices encourages continuous improvement. Leveraging technology solutions like automated workflows or approval tracking systems enhances consistency and accountability that helps organizations identify bottlenecks early and respond proactively.

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