Risk Assessment Activity

Step 1: Identify your projects and audiences who might care about the data from your projects

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| **Project Name** | **Audiences who might care about data from this project**(E.g. boss, funders, journalists, peer reviewers, ethics committee, research office…) |
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Step 2: Calculate your risk score

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| Write in the project names and audiences from Step One. Write one project and one audience per cell, you can repeat projects in multiple rows | What if someone from this audience requested your data for this project and you could not locate or interpret it?**Rate your risks and concerns** for each group using the scales below. Then use those ratings to **compute your risk score** for that project.**(Emotional Distress + Reputational Impact) x Likelihood = Risk Score** |
| Project | Audience | Emotional Distress | Reputational Impact | Likelihood | Risk Score |
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Step 3: Find out what to do

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| Risk Score | What to Do |
| Very High Risk (41-50) | Prioritise data management and data documentation above all other activities. Establish and implement a plan immediately |
| High Risk (31-40) | Setting aside time to address data management and data documentation is a priority. Establish and implement a plan as soon as possible. |
| Moderate Risk (21-30) | Setting aside time to address data management and data documentation needs is desirable. Risk should be monitored. |
| Low Risk (11-20) | Generally does not require action, but should be reviewed periodically. |
| Very Low Risk (1-10) | No action required. |

Step 4: Personal Action Plan

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| **Issue**  |
| **What to do:** |
| **Who to contact/action:** |
| **Scheduled for:** | **Completed on:** |
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| **Scheduled for:** | **Completed on:** |

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