

SECURITY POLICY

3: POLICY IN CONTEXT

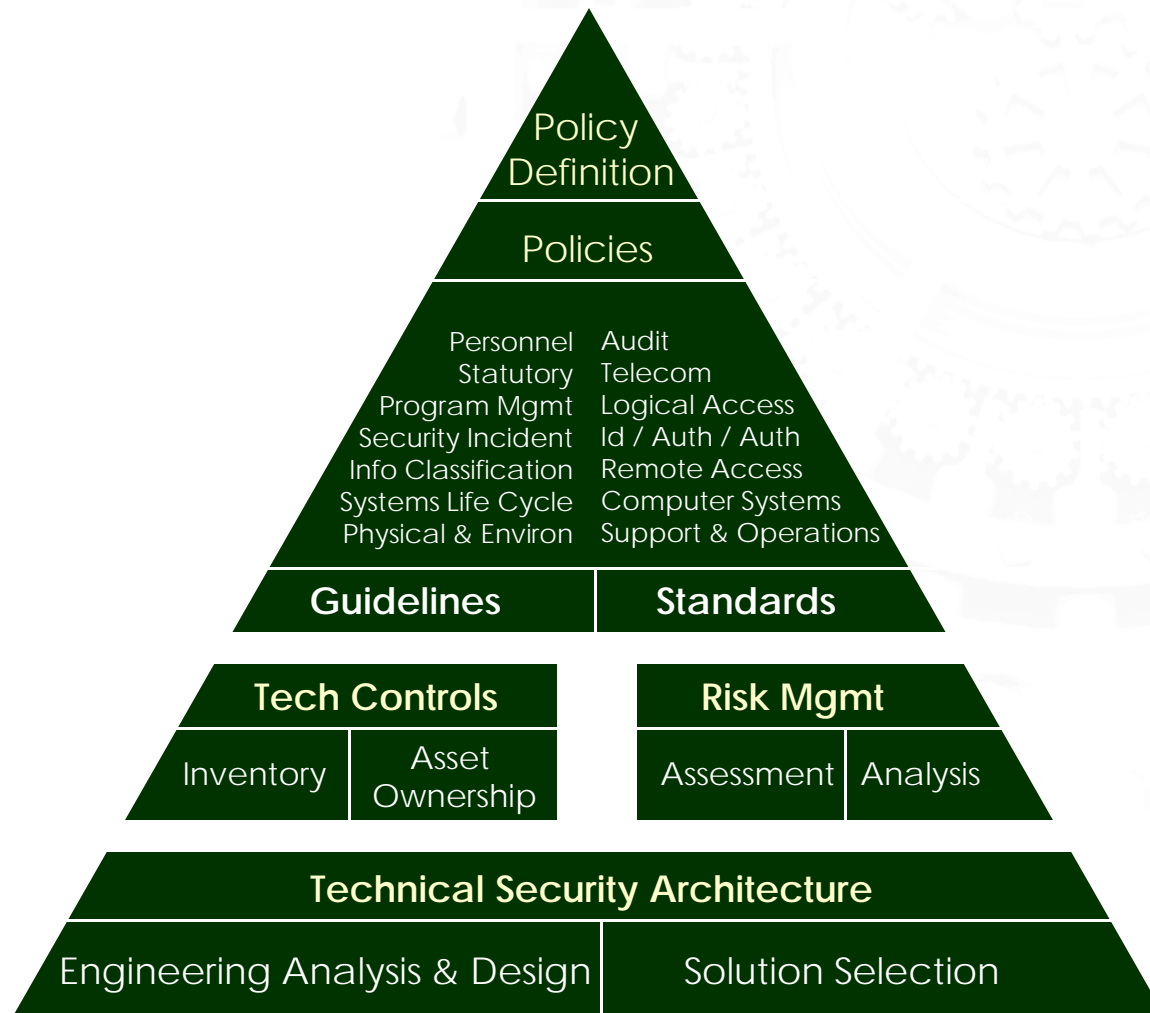
OBJECTIVES

1. Show policy's role within an information security program.
2. Explain the steps in the management of the information security program.

SECURITY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

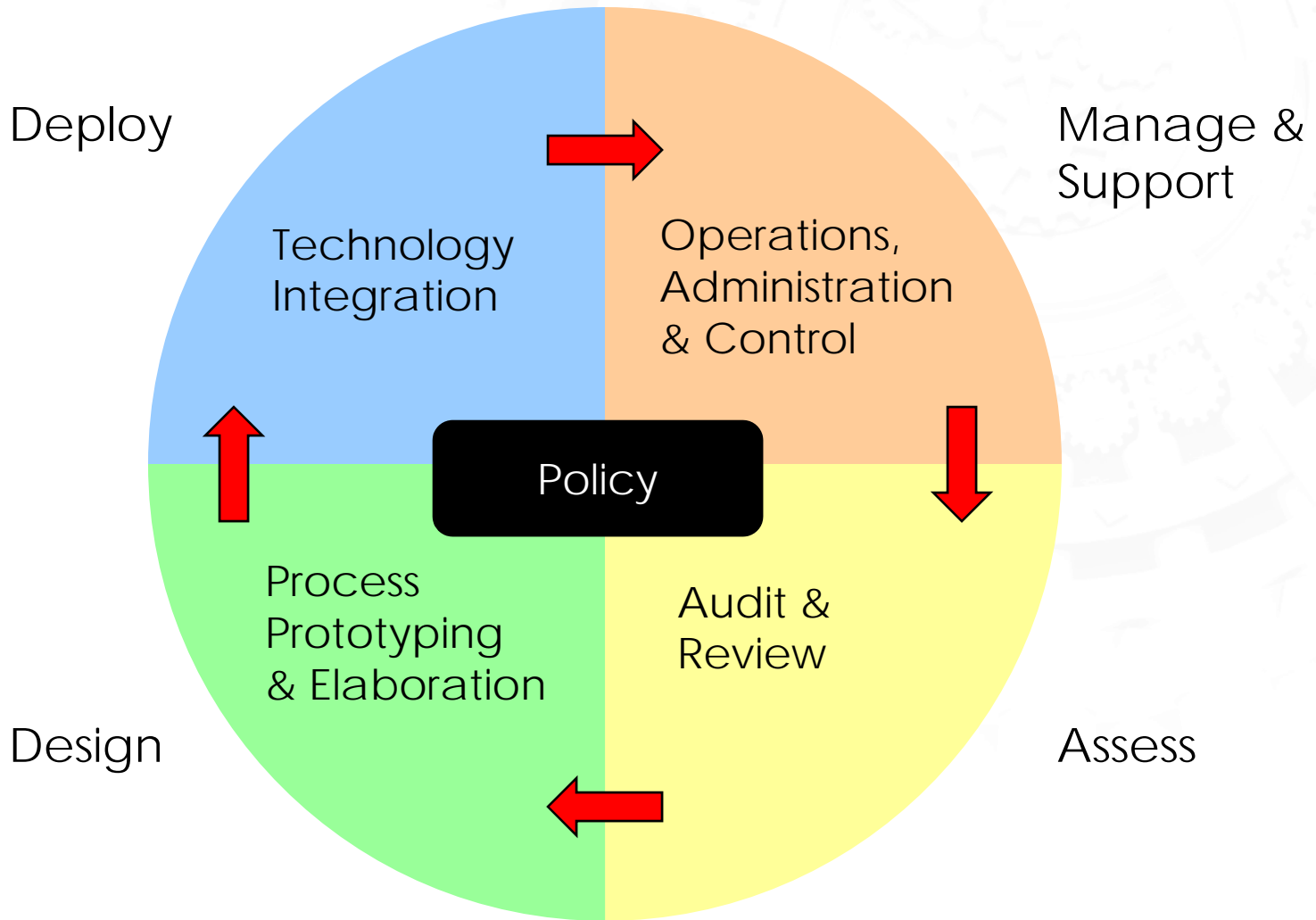


POLICIES & TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE



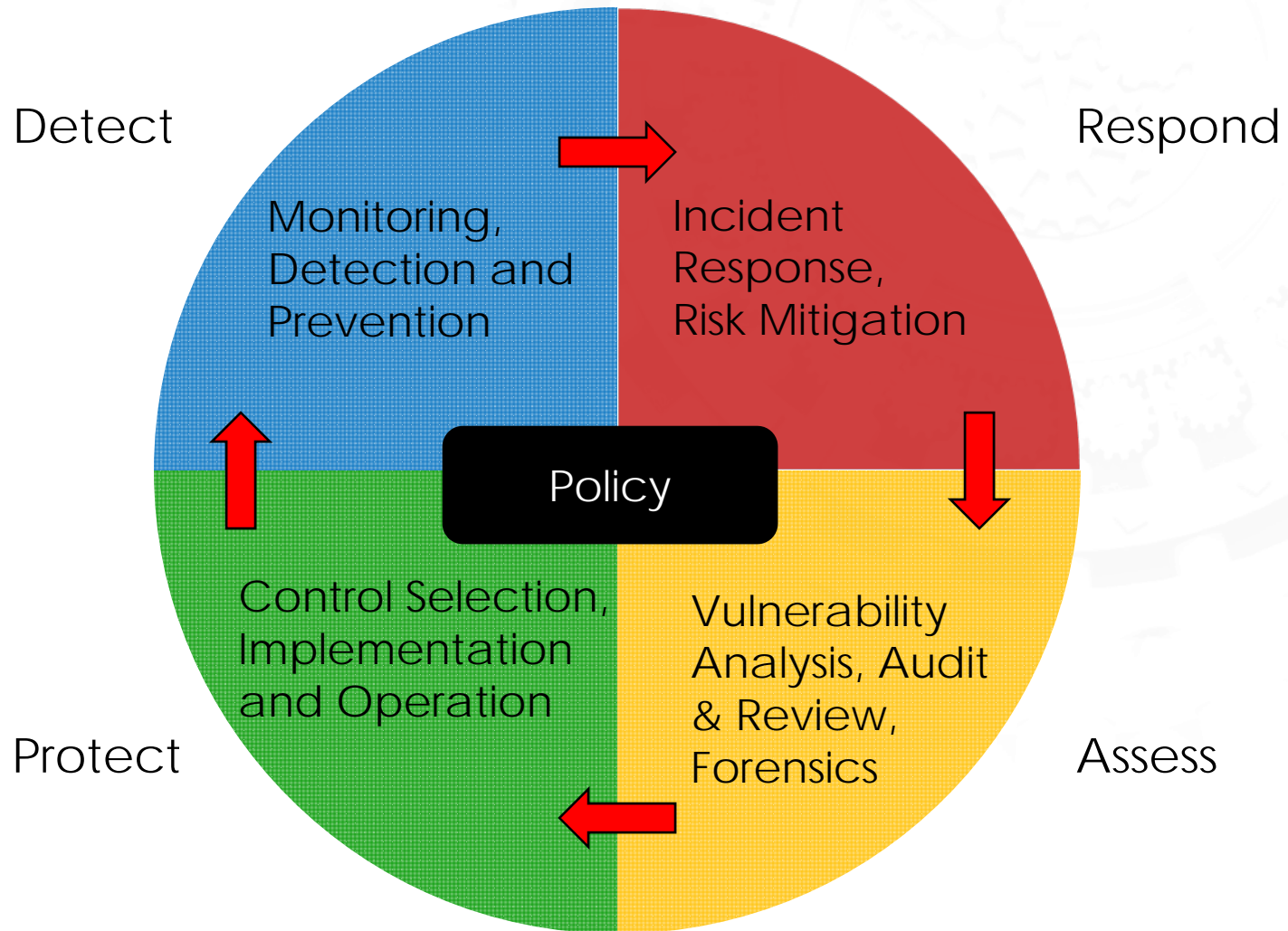
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INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM



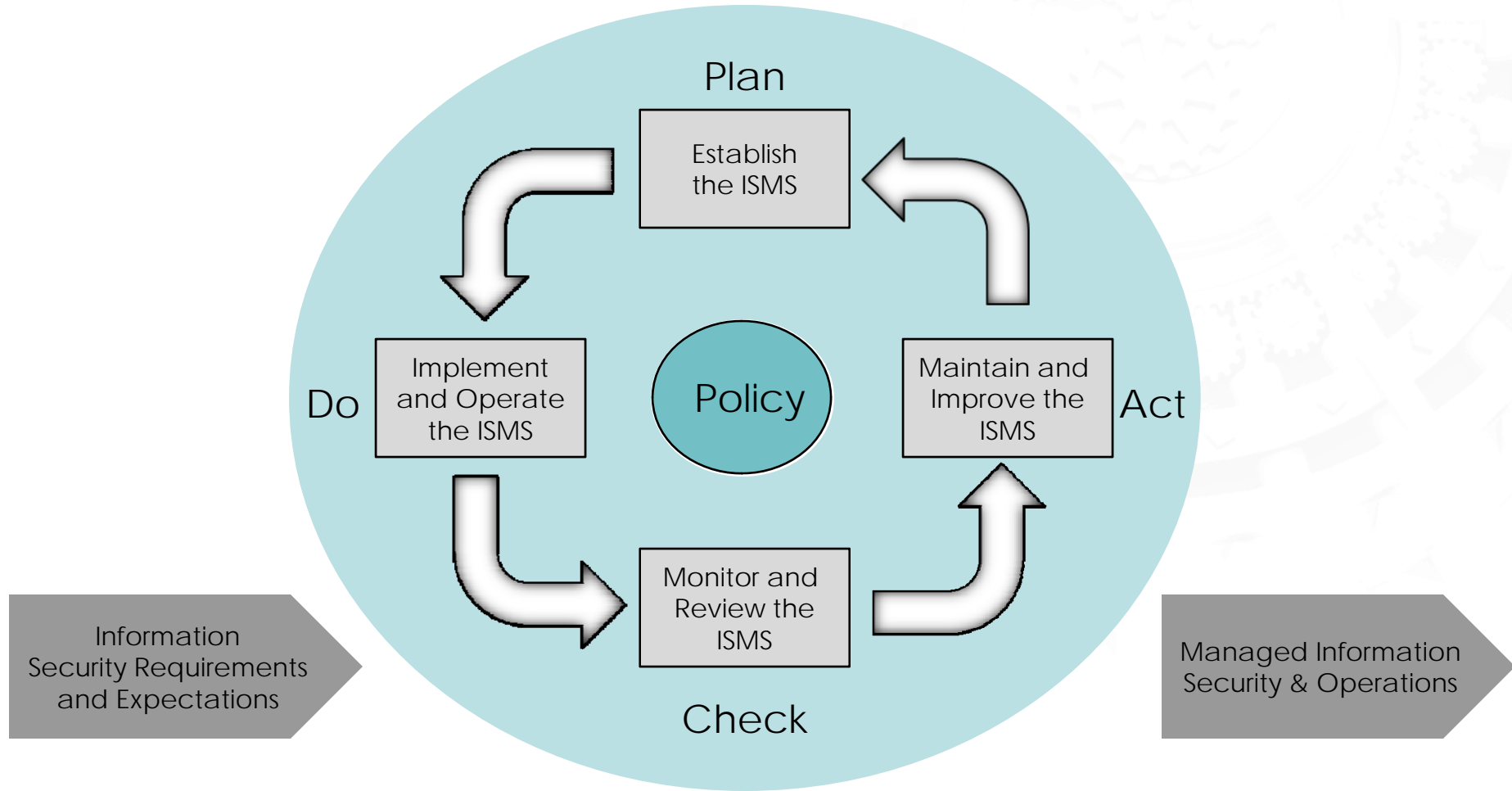
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INFORMATION ASSURANCE MODEL



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THE ISMS (ISO 27001) MODEL



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- ⦿ Policy is the hub of the wheel ... its central focus.
- ⦿ It should be a reference point for actions taken and decisions made.
- ⦿ Policy should be used when activities “on the wheel” are undertaken.
- ⦿ Reviews should be conducted to ensure policy reflects business objectives.

Policy is a key component of audit activities:

- ⦿ Evaluate current security picture
- ⦿ Compare against policy
- ⦿ Performed on a regular basis and after a security event or as defined by a regulatory agency
- ⦿ Results of audit and review process are used in the next phase of the security process

Iterative policy development should be part of strategic planning cycles:

- ⌚ High level planning
- ⌚ Use policy as a benchmark and a compass
- ⌚ New strategic initiatives always impact policy
- ⌚ Looks at process, not technology
- ⌚ Uses audit and review findings

The way security technologies work together is driven by security policy (remember defense in depth):

- ⦿ Technical planning and implementation
- ⦿ Based on policy
- ⦿ Uses audit and review as well as developed process to determine technological requirements
- ⦿ Tactical implementation of strategic goals
- ⦿ The swords and shields of information security

POLICY MANAGEMENT TOOLS

- 🔒 Apply security policies to systems
- 🔒 Validate computers and applications connecting to the environment
- 🔒 Detect policy compromise
- 🔒 Automatic remediation if out of compliance
- 🔒 May maintain “white list” of applications

Operation, Administration and Control

Operational actions should be dictated by policy:

- ⌚ Keeping the processes and technology running
- ⌚ Responding to security events
- ⌚ Testing and practicing the right execution
- ⌚ People play a key role
- ⌚ Uses technology, process and policy to provide input to the audit and review process