

# PROJECT FAILURE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

Stop the Bleeding: 16 Must-Haves for Preventing Project  
Death by a Thousand Cuts

Use this checklist to assess your current project environment and identify gaps that could lead to delays, budget overruns, or outright failure.

## DATA VISIBILITY & GOVERNANCE

- ☐ Project data is accessible from a single, centralized platform
- ☐ Real-time reporting is available across cost, schedule, risk, and resources
- ☐ There is clear data ownership and governance across teams
- ☐ Data accuracy is regularly audited and verified

## PREDICTIVE INTELLIGENCE & INSIGHTS

- ☐ Leading indicators of project risk are monitored proactively
- ☐ Predictive analytics or AI tools are used to forecast issues
- ☐ Dashboards are role-based and actionable—field to C-suite

## SYSTEM INTEGRATION & AUTOMATION

- ☐ Core project controls tools and applications are fully integrated
- ☐ Manual workflows are minimized or automated
- ☐ Version control exists for all critical project files

## COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION

- ☐ Stakeholders receive consistent and timely updates
- ☐ Status reports and KPIs are easily accessible to all team members
- ☐ Alerts and notifications are configured for key risk triggers

## PLATFORM STRENGTH & SCALABILITY

- ☐ Cloud environment supports rapid deployment and scale
- ☐ System performance is monitored 24/7
- ☐ Compliance standards (ISO 27001, ITAR, GDPR) are met or exceeded

**If you checked fewer than 8 boxes... your project may be bleeding slowly.**