

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.