



Risk Leadership Action Plan

*A Planning Guide
For Taking the Big Leap!*

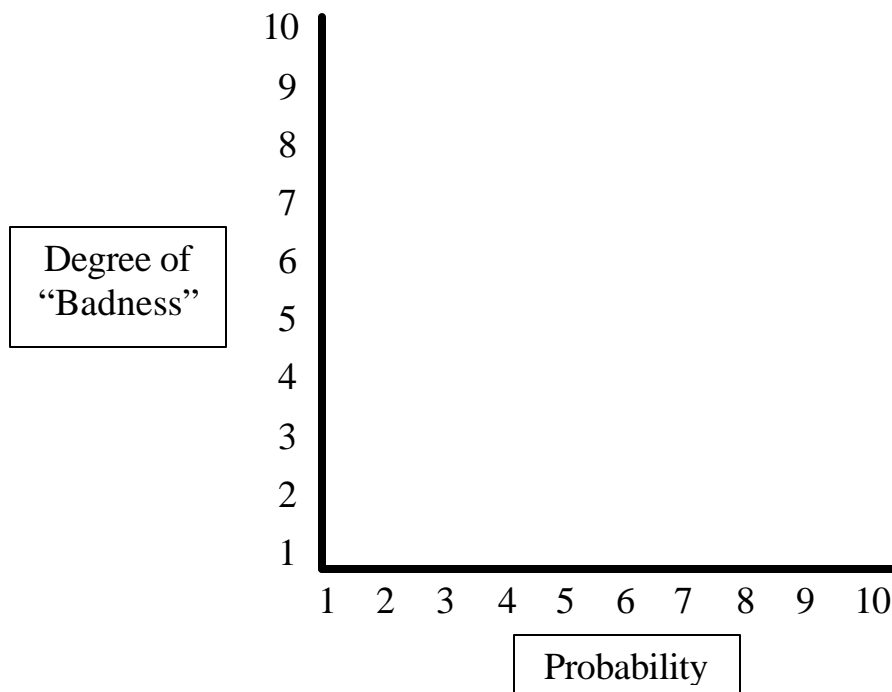
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Name Your High Dive:

What risk represents your “giant leap”? In what area of your life are you playing it too safe?

Risk Evaluation: Quantitative References

How does your risk stack up against The Worst Case Grid (WCG)? What score does your risk get?



On a scale ranging between 1 and 10, rate how catastrophic (i.e., how “bad”) it would be if the risk were an abysmal failure. Next, rate the probability of this outcome occurring. Now multiply the two figures.

While even a risk with a score in the 90s can sometimes be worth taking, generally you are safest when your risk scores under 50. However, the risk decision is based on your tolerance for risk. Thus the critical question is: Is the score acceptable *to you*?!

Risk Evaluation: Qualitative References

How does your risk stack up against the “5Ps”?

PASSION: What is energizing and exciting about your big leap?

PURPOSE: Where do you want your big leap to *take* you? How is it aligned with your overriding purpose?

PRINCIPLE: By taking the big leap, what personal and/or professional values will you be upholding?

PREROGATIVE: If you take this risk, will it be of your own free will, or because you really have no choice?

PROFIT: How will taking the big leap likely benefit you? What gains do you hope to reap? How enduring are the gains likely to be?

The 5Ps	Yes	No
Passion		
Purpose		
Principle		
Prerogative		
Profit		

Risk Evaluation: Qualitative References (cont.)

What are the drivers that are prompting you to consider taking the big leap? What is the condition that you hope to change? How will things be different if you take the leap and it is successful?

What are the likely consequences of *inaction*? What will likely happen, in the long run, if you don't take the big leap? Can you live with the consequences of inaction?

What are the consequences if you take the risk but fail? Can you live with this? What steps can you take to "lower the high dive"?

What investment will be required? How much "skin in the game" are you willing to put into this big leap?

Who will be upset if you take the big leap? What do they stand to lose if you fail? Which is more important to you, pleasing them or having your dreams? Is there a way you can do both? Or, are you willing to displease or disobey them?

Is this risk a ***Right Risk*** for you? Why? Why not?

