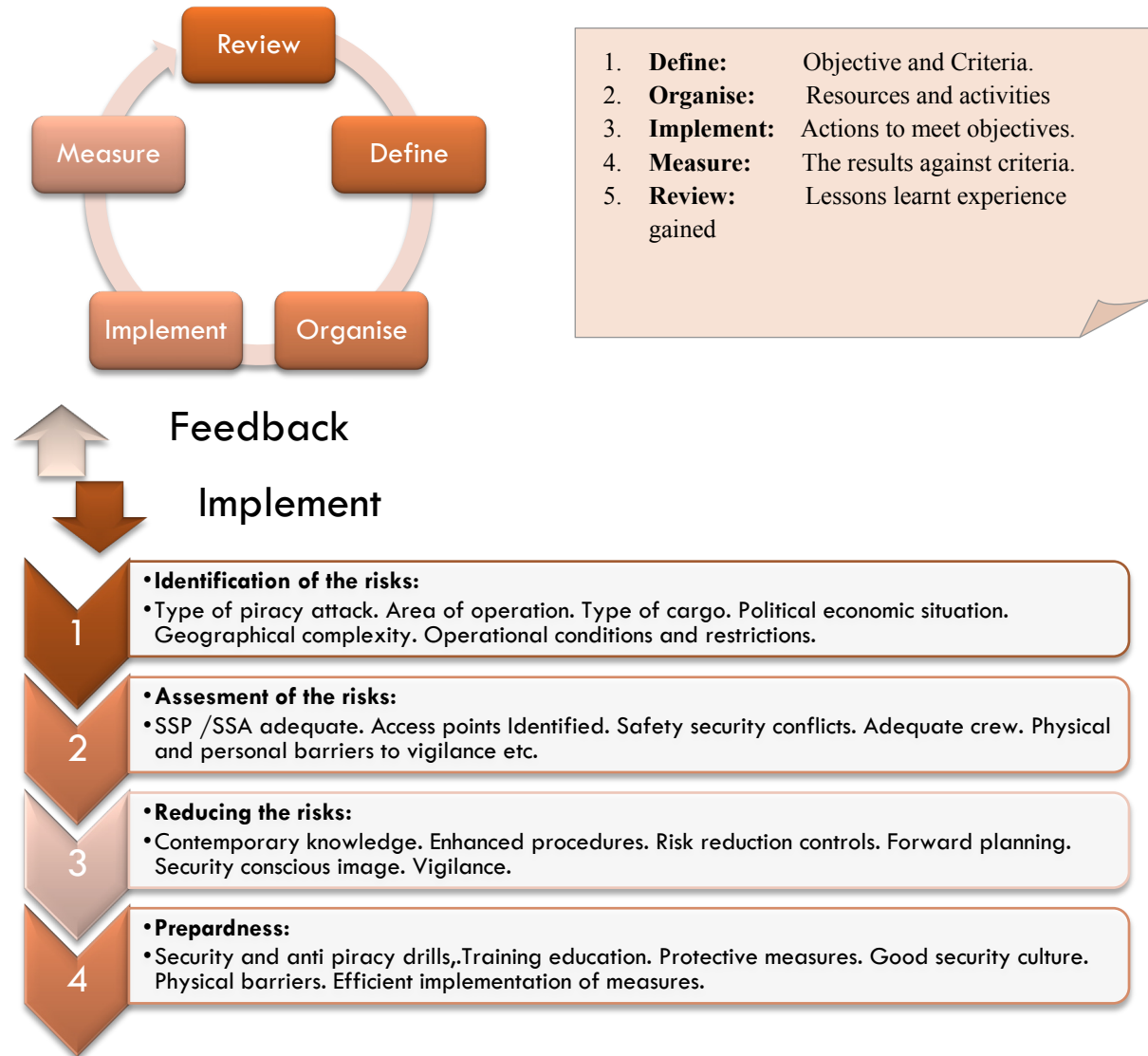


Assessing the Risk:

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The Above illustration is by no means exhaustive. Security is not absolute and will vary vessel to vessel. The better we understand pirates and the better prepared we are to deal with a pirate attack the better equipped we will be to deal with it.

A simple risk assessment similar to that we use for safety issues can be used with good affect. Before commencing the process of risk assessment compare the Ships Security Assessment with the Ships Security Plan. Disparities between the 2 documents and the intended voyage should be resolved prior to sailing.

The most effective method to identify the hazards and risks is to encourage the crew to take ownership of security. As for safety, voyages can be reviewed in the form of a Job Hazard Assessment (JHA) with crew representing the different ship Departments; or simply discuss past experiences, use brain storming, checklists, and 'what if?'. For the purposes of this paper a JHA will be synonymously called a Security Hazard Assessment.

The process for assessing security threats is flexible and depends on your vessel and cargo; crew capability; Ports and anchorages; and passage through or near high risk areas. Once security risks/hazards are identified the hierarchy of controls can be applied for effective management of the same. No matter your situation the process of identifying risks and applying the hierarchy of controls can be applied to assess and manage Security Risk.

