# Patch Management Strategy Checklist

Turn strategy into daily execution with these practical steps

## Review Your Current Process

□ Audit how your team tracks and prioritizes vulnerabilities

□ Replace ad-hoc patching with a tiered, risk-based approach

□ Run workshops to define patching criteria and SLAs

## Evaluate Tools That Integrate NIST/CVSS

□ Use tools that pull live CVE data from NVD

□ Enable automatic asset–vulnerability mapping

□ Set up risk dashboards for visibility across systems

## Stay Ahead of Headline Threats

□ Monitor high-profile vulnerabilities (e.g., Log4Shell, MOVEit)

□ Subscribe to CISA’s Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) feed

□ Act fast when zero-days or active exploits are flagged

## Consider Outside Assessments

□ Run external vulnerability scans or risk assessments

□ Highlight gaps to justify new resources/tools

□ Leverage free trial scans where possible

# Bottom Line

□ Combine **NVD + CVSS + threat intelligence + business context**

□ Prioritize vulnerabilities that matter most to your environment

□ Continuously refine processes to stay one step ahead of attackers

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