



# Your First Moment That Matters (MTM) - Checklist

Use this to select and implement a first governed execution boundary in 1-2 weeks.

## 1) Pick the control surface (must be interceptable)

- Where does intent become consequence?
- Can we intercept at the last safe moment (before commit)?
- Is there an existing API/gatepoint we can bind to?

## 2) Define authority (named humans, not groups)

- Who owns the boundary?
- Who can approve escalation?
- What happens if no one responds (time-box + safe degrade)?

## 3) Define bounds (make irreversible harm impossible)

- Caps (percent, amount, scope, rate)?
- Rollback anchor required?
- Abort thresholds (latency, error, anomaly)?
- TTL / expiry for delegation?

## 4) Define escalation triggers

- What uncertainty signal triggers escalation?
- What novelty threshold forces human jurisdiction?
- What thresholds are non-negotiable (BLOCK)?

## 5) Define evidence minimums (proof before consequence)

- What must be recorded to defend the action later?
- What can be linked by ID (ticket, telemetry) vs stored in pack?
- What integrity method is required?

## 6) Bind enforcement in the tool

- How are bounds written into the mechanism (not just policy)?
- What is the safe degrade mode in the tool?
- How do we prevent bypass (inline gate where possible)?

## 7) Define success metrics



- Time-to-decision
- Bounded autonomy rate
- Incident blast radius reduction
- Audit retrieval time

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