

Infrastructure Review Checklist

Use this when the platform feels fragile, the release path is risky, or ownership is unclear.

Best use

Send this when you need a senior read on what is actually risky before more changes pile on.

Important

Do not send secrets or credentials in the first message. Scope, symptoms, and constraints are enough to start.

First goal

Replace vague concern with a clear failure pattern, a risk map, and the next safe move.

What to prepare before you submit

These first four checks are usually enough to make the review fast and actionable.

1

Critical path

Map the revenue-critical request path from user action to service, queue, database, and dependency.

2

Recent incidents

List the top three recurring incidents, what triggered them, and whether they repeated after a fix.

3

IaC risk

Note shared state, drift, unsafe applies, lock issues, or modules nobody wants to touch.

4

Release safety

Capture rollback confidence, deployment failure patterns, and where release pressure feels highest.

QUICK NOTE

A good first message is short: what changed, what feels fragile, and where runtime or delivery is currently getting blocked.

WHAT YOU DO NOT NEED

You do not need a polished brief. Email plus a clear problem statement is enough to start the review.

What happens next

The review should replace vague concern with named risk, sequence, and a safe next move.

Finish the prep sheet

The remaining checks help clarify pressure, ownership, and what evidence already exists.

5

Cost pressure

Write down the largest cost spikes and which systems or teams currently explain them.

6

Ownership gaps

Record where production responsibility is unclear across platform, app, and delivery teams.

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Existing material

Collect the most useful runbooks, diagrams, dashboards, and on-call notes already in use.

Expected response flow

If the issue fits, the response should clarify the likely failure pattern before any broad fix cycle starts.

1

Reply within 24 hours with the likely failure pattern and the safest next move.

2

Request only the read-only artifacts or access needed to validate risk.

3

Sequence the first 1-2 weeks of work around containment, stabilization, and ownership.

What you should expect back

Good review output is concrete. It should name what is fragile, show what to sequence first, and leave the team with retained guidance instead of a vague recommendation deck.

Expected deliverables

- Written risk map tied to business impact and active infrastructure pressure.
- Sequenced recovery path showing what to freeze, stabilize, and change first.
- Guardrails and ownership notes the internal team can keep after handoff.

Submission reminder

- Email plus a short message is enough.
- Describe what changed, where it hurts most, and whether timing matters.
- Use the main review page if you want the full intake flow.

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