



Business Recovery Programs

VantagePoint Security's™ Business Recovery Programs are focused on identifying, planning, and building viable business continuity plans, and assisting in the development of disaster recovery planning services.

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Business Continuity Planning and Disaster Recovery Planning

There are two distinct processes that need to be performed in order for an organization to be able to continue operations - despite the occurrence of a natural or man-made disaster. They are Business Continuity Planning, and Disaster Recovery Planning.

Business Continuity Planning, or BCP, is concerned with the planning required for a business to resume operations as quickly as possible following a catastrophic event. Business processes that have been identified as critical to the viability of the organization will be operating in a temporary location, or with temporary or loaned equipment following the event.

Disaster Recovery Planning, or DRP, is concerned with the restoration of damaged equipment and facilities, so that eventually business operations can be resumed in their original location(s).

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery operations are usually carried out by separate teams. The Business Continuity team is concerned with setting up and continuing critical business operations in alternate facilities and/or with alternate equipment. At the same time, a separate Disaster Recovery team works on repairing damage and restoring damaged facilities so that business operations may be resumed.

Assess Business Functions

The first step in building a business continuity program is an assessment of all business functions in the organization. This high-level analysis provides an accurate picture of the business from a processes perspective. The information obtained in the business functions assessment is used in subsequent steps, primarily the Business Impact Analysis.

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Business Impact Analysis

The next step in a business continuity program is the development of a Business Impact Analysis, or BIA. The purpose of this activity is to identify all critical business functions, rank their financial impact to the business, and determine their Maximum Tolerable Downtime (MTD). The Maximum Tolerable Downtime is the period of time that the organization can tolerate a given business function being unavailable before that unavailability threatens the viability of the organization. Development of the MTD then determines the Recovery Time Objective (RTO) for each critical function.

The BIA, MTD, and RTO are the foundation for subsequent analysis and planning.

Develop Continuity Plans

Once the critical business functions have been identified and prioritized, continuity plans can be developed for each business function. This will include procedures, facilities, and equipment requirements. Depending upon the organization and its tolerance for downtime, this could consist of hot or cold data processing sites, spare equipment, and other means necessary for continuing critical business operations.

Deliver Business Recovery Capability

With clearly documented continuity plans and procedures, your business is prepared to recover operational capability, and resume business operations in the event of a disaster.

Disaster Recovery Planning

Disaster Recovery Planning is a highly-specialized activity that may involve the use of consulting civil, electrical, and mechanical engineers, building repair and construction companies, heavy equipment usage, and other major construction-related activities. VantagePoint Security partners with companies that are dedicated to providing these services.

Summary

VantagePoint Security specializes in the development and execution of Business Recovery Planning services in order to provide its clients with the broadest possible protection against risks that would otherwise threaten their ongoing viability.

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