

## Strategies for Disaster Recovery

Where to start?

1. Pre-Planning Activities
  - a. Policy and Procedures. Should include call down lists right up front, as well as clearly defined rules and roles.
  - b. Awareness
2. Vulnerability Assessment and General Definition Requirements
  - a. Concentrating on activities that may reduce the possibility of a disaster more so than *primarily* minimizing the impact.
  - b. Defining the scope
3. Business Impact Analysis
  - a. How long can you go without access?
  - b. BIA then helps identify systems and resources required
4. Detailed Definition of Requirements
  - a. Plan for short, intermediate and long term interruption
  - b. Priorities
  - c. Scope, objectives and assumptions.
5. Plan Development
  - a. Documentation, very important
  - b. This is where you decide who should do what and when.
  - c. Priorities
  - d. In-house or Contractual assistance
6. Plan for a Testing Program
  - a. Good plans are generally living documents
7. Maintenance Program
  - a. Change control
8. Initial Plan Testing and Implementation
  - a. Establish criteria
  - b. Roll it out
  - c. Evaluate effectiveness and really look at the **WHOLE** results
  - d. Modify overall plan

## **Things to remember:**

1. Don't necessarily have to re-invent the wheel. Many resources and case histories are available for review. There are also numerous automated tools and templates that range from free to \$\$\$\$\$.

1. <http://www.disaster-recovery-guide.com>
2. <http://www.disasterplan.com/>
3. <http://www.drplanning.org/>

2. Collaboration can be extremely beneficial. Sharing the load, even in part, can save valuable time and resources.

3. Value vrs Expense....almost every aspect costs something in a variety of coin. Time, resources, planning.....