

Business Continuity Plans

Business continuity planning is important for all businesses, regardless of size or vertical market. An IT consulting service such as AlphaScan can help you create a business continuity plan that hinges around your IT environment and addresses how your company will carry on with daily business tasks in the face of adverse situations such as natural disasters (earthquakes, fires, floods, etc.) and human initiated threats such as unintentional data destruction, virus outbreak, and computer hacking.

Create the plan

IT companies such as AlphaScan can help you create a business continuity plan that will enable your business to carry on with little interruption of services and minimal inconvenience. Regardless of your company's specific industry, a well-crafted plan should include the following:

- **Business impact assessment-** An IT services provider like AlphaScan can help your company create a realistic business continuity plan that is based upon how your business would be impacted by a loss of service. Your plan should address how your business operates and must factor in the needs for access to email, phone, sales, and other data.
- **Maximum downtime assessment-** Let an IT consulting service help you assess what your maximum downtime can be before it adversely affects your business operations. Keep in mind that you need to make an honest assessment of how long your IT systems can be down before your business is critically impacted.
- **Risk assessment-** An outline of all potential risks to your business needs to be created. IT companies such as AlphaScan can help you identify all areas of your company that might be vulnerable to threats from natural or man-made disasters. A proper risk assessment should include define all threats, the potential impact to your IT systems, and the probability that the identified risks are likely to occur. Creating a risk assessment will help you prioritize your time and capital resources.
- **Staff interviews-** An IT services provider such as AlphaScan will speak with your employees throughout the construction of your business continuity plan staff often has insight into different aspects of your business that need to be considered. In addition, in the event of an interruption of service, your employees will have to understand how to implement your business continuity plan.
- **Risk mitigation-** Your continuity plan should outline how your business will respond to each identified risk. An IT support company such as AlphaScan can help you choose the best solutions for your potential risks.
- **Testing-** An IT consulting company can provide loss-of-service simulations to test the effectiveness of the chosen solutions that are identified in your business continuity plan.

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Your company needs to have an effective business continuity plan in place that will allow your business to operate, no matter what happens. AlphaScan, your IT outsourcing providers, can help you create and implement a customised plan to ensure that your critical IT systems and data are always available. To learn more about business continuity plans, please contact AlphaScan at (023) 825 8003.