

Do I Need a Business Continuity Plan?

A practical self-assessment for organizations operating in Alberta.

Why This Matters

Alberta businesses face operational disruptions from wildfire, extreme weather, power outages, cyber incidents, and infrastructure failures. A Business Continuity Plan (BCP) protects revenue, reputation, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder confidence.

Answer Yes or No to the Following Questions

- If your facility were inaccessible for 7 days, could operations continue?
- Do you know which functions must be restored within 24–72 hours?
- Is your data backed up off-site and tested?
- Is there a defined decision-maker during crisis disruption?
- Do you have alternate suppliers identified?
- Can payroll continue if your building is closed?
- Do staff know their roles during disruption?
- Have you documented recovery priorities?
- Have you tested your continuity procedures through an exercise?
- Would an insurance adjuster receive organized documentation within 24 hours?

How to Interpret Your Results

If you answered 'No' to one or more questions, your organization would benefit from a structured Business Continuity Plan. If you answered 'No' to three or more, you likely face significant operational risk exposure.

Next Step: If you identified gaps, Civic Shield can design a tailored, governance-aligned Business Continuity Plan specific to your hazard profile, regulatory environment, and operational structure.

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