



# Establishing Security After a Natural Disaster

In the aftermath of a natural disaster, an organization's ability to escalate its security posture is critical to ensure people, property, and operations are protected in the midst of a major disruptive disaster event and during the recovery efforts that will follow. Unfortunately, if appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery plans are not in place before a disaster strikes, it can be very difficult to respond afterwards. Consider incorporating the following potential security needs in disaster preparedness plans and take proactive steps toward becoming more disaster-ready.

## Security Considerations During Disaster Readiness Planning:

- Assign an internal liaison to coordinate with local emergency and disaster recovery agencies
- Monitor conditions and anticipate changing hazards post disaster event
- Set up temporary perimeter security on-site and other locations as needed
- Create procedures for site access control and credential verification for anyone on-site
- Anticipate and consider ways to prevent trespassing and looting
- Barricade dangerous areas on owned property
- Pre-identify and vet security guard vendors and their hiring and training standards
- Anticipate and plan for secondary evacuation potential
- Understand security guard protocols in the event of a secondary evacuation
  - If it is a voluntary evacuation — will security stay?
  - If it is a mandatory evacuation — does security leave immediately or stay until other staff are out?
- Establish a sign-in/sign-out procedure for contractors and temporary staff. This is also needed for accounting purposes, and should be developed prior to any operations on-site
- Entry and egress from the site should be through a single designated control site when possible
- Monitoring contractor work by one or more members on an around the clock basis may be required to prevent additional damage and avoid scams
- Anticipate and plan for securing sensitive or proprietary information in server rooms, on physical hardware, or printed private information and data or proprietary trade secrets
- Monitor and remain aware of local restrictions related to disaster response and recovery efforts
- Remain ready to continuously assess security needs and pivot quickly in dynamic disaster events

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