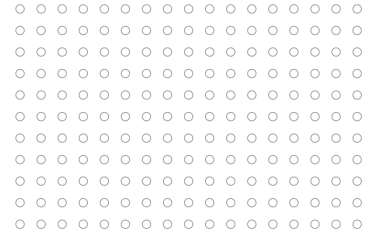


Establishing Security After a Disaster



In the aftermath of a disaster, an organization's ability to escalate its security posture is critical to ensure people, property and operations are protected during a major disruptive 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.

Consult the [HUB Crisis Resource Center](#) for information on significant disaster events.

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