Using International Standards to Implement a Business Continuity Management System (BCMS)

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Introduction

- No organization is immune from business disruption.
- The challenge nowadays goes beyond having an emergency response plan, the challenge is to continue providing the service in the event of a disaster.
- Having a Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) is a MUST!

Time spent in preparing equals time saved when a disaster occurs





Benefits of BCMS

- Identify and manage current and future threats to your business.
- Take a proactive approach to minimizing the impact of incidents.
- Keep critical functions up and running during times of crises.
- Minimize downtime during incidents and improve recovery time.

BCMS Implementation Steps



Benefits of Following Standards

Standard vs. Guideline

- A set of rules or requirements, which are widely agreed upon
- Used as a **measure** for comparative evaluations
- Lowest level control

- A non-specific rule that provides direction to action or behavior
- An explanation to **guide** one in setting standards
- Recommended but nonmandatory control

Benefits of Following Standards

Benchmark with best practices	Integration with other plans	Monitor and exercise the program regularly	Continuous improvements
Command and control structure	Communicate, educate and train	Meet expectations	Audits and certifications

Comparison Between Standards

Business Continuity Standards

Business Continuity Standards	Code	
International Organization for Standardization	ISO 22301:2012	
British Standards Institute	BS 25999	
National Fire Protection Association	NFPA 1600:2010	
American Society for Industrial Security	ASIS BCM.01-2010	

Comparison Between Standards

BCM Element	ISO 22301	BS 25999	NFPA 1600	ASIS BCM.1
Understanding the organization	Section 4.1	Section 4.1	N/A	N/A
Plan-Do-Check-Act	Section 0.2	Section	Annex D	Section 0.2
Scope	Section 4.3	Section 3.2.1	Chapter 5.3	Section 1
BCMS	Section 4.4	Section 3	Annex D	Section 4
Management commitment	Section 5.2	Not explicit	Chapter 4.1	Not explicit
Business Impact Analysis	Section 5.3	Section 4.4.1	Chapter 5.5	Section 4.4.1.1
Risk Analysis	Section 5.4	Section 4.1.2	Chapter 5.4	Section 4.4.1.2
BC Strategies	Section 8.4.3	Section 4.2	Chapter 5	Section 4.3
Business continuity procedures	Section 8.4	Section 4.3.3	Chapter 6.7	Section 4.5.6.2
Testing and Exercising	Section 8.5	Section 4.4	Chapter 7	Section 4.6.2.2
Internal Audit	Section 9.2	Section 5.1	Chapter 8.1	Section 4.6.5
Management review	Section 9.3	Section 5.2	N/A	Section 4.7.4
Continuous Improvement	Section 10.2	Section 6.2	Chapter 8	Section 4.7.4

ISO 22301

- The world's first international standard for BCMS.
- Most recently updated.
- Replaced BS 25999 & ASIS BCM.1.
- The easiest to comply with.
- Generic that it can be applied to any type of organizations.



Benefits of ISO 22301

Ideal framework Effective response to crises

Improved risk profile

Protection of reputation

Protection of people

Thinking culture

Integration with other ISO standards

Achieve certification