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## PREPARING YOUR BUSINESS FOR DISASTER BY: ANDREA SCHAEFER, CPA

Would your business be able to recover from a flood or fire? Does your business have a disaster recovery plan? A disaster recovery plan lays out how your business will recover from disaster by addressing the following concerns:

- 1) Protecting and restoring critical business data
- 2) Communicating with and protecting employees
- 3) Communicating with clients and vendors
- 4) Providing alternative work arrangements
- 5) Developing a long range plan to assess risk and continue business

Data backup and recovery is an essential component of a disaster recovery plan. Data on network servers, desktops, laptops and even wireless devices needs to be backed up on a regular basis using backup software to a network server. Lastly, back the server up to the cloud using an online data backup service.