

How Would Your Business Respond If the Power Goes Out?

When your business can't run due to a power outage, it can lead to dangerous conditions and costly downtime. Establishing and communicating a strong emergency preparedness and [recovery plan](#) can help you and your employees react safely and recover quickly if your business loses electricity.

Build Your Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

A power outage is never ideal for anyone, but the business impact can be especially damaging. Although outages often coincide with [severe weather](#), having a plan in place can be beneficial any time. The following tips can be a good place to start:

- Outline best practices for before, during, and after a power outage.
- Identify critical systems that require immediate power.
- Install surge protection to help safeguard equipment and computer systems.
- Regularly test generators to ensure they can support critical loads.
- Establish clear procedures to disconnect and reconnect systems when power returns.
- Assign qualified staff to maintain and recover electrical equipment safely and provide key employees with accurate documentation.
- Verify insurance coverage for equipment breakdowns and update contact information.
- Use off-site or cloud storage for computer backups, and back data up regularly.
- Address liability concerns with emergency lighting and clear safety procedures for employees and clients.

Keep Up With Electrical Maintenance

A recovery plan works best when paired with regular preventative maintenance. Following manufacturer specifications for [electrical maintenance](#) can help to reduce the risk of unscheduled outages. In addition, older, poorly maintained electrical systems may lead to efficiency loss and costly breakdowns. Regularly schedule a thorough inspection of your business by a qualified professional to help catch these risks.

Take action before a power outage occurs. Talk with your Federated Insurance® [marketing representative](#) to learn about electrical risk management for your business. Clients can access additional workplace safety resources on the Training & Resources page of [mySHIELD](#)®.

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