

## A DR PLAN Checklist

If a disaster were to strike, are you confident that your company would be ready? If you answer "no" to any of the questions that follow, you may want to consult with a third-party company that specializes in DR solutions — particularly cloud-based DR.

A good place to start is US Signal. US Signal can assess your DR preparedness, enhance your current DR plan or devise a customized one.

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HAVE A DR PLAN IN PLACE OR ARE CONSIDERING ONE.	Y	N
1. Have you conducted a business impact analysis to determine the operational, financial and reputational effects to your business if your IT assets were not available?	Q	0
2. Have you conducted a risk assessment, or at least compiled a list of all the various disaster scenarios that could affect your company?	0	0
3. Do you have an inventory of your IT assets, such as hardware, software, data and applications (including any that may have been introduced due to "shadow IT")?	0	0
4. If you have an IT asset inventory, does it include application and system dependencies?	0	0
5. Have you determined which of your IT assets are most critical to keep your business operating if a disaster strikes?	0	0



	Y	N
6. Are there any compliance or other requirements associated with your data or applications that may affect a DR plan?	0	0
7. Have you established RPOs and RTOs for your data and applications?	0	0
8. Do you currently back up your data and applications?	0	0
9. Are your backups kept off-site?	0	0
10. Do you replicate your data?	0	0
THE FOLLOWING 10 QUESTIONS APPLY IF YOU HAVE A DR PLAN.	Y	N
1. Is your DR plan tested at least once a year?	0	0
2. If your DR plan is regularly tested, does it also get updated based on the results?	0	0
3. Does your company maintain regularly updated runbooks that detail your DR processes and procedures?	0	0
4. Is recovery and protection possible at the application level?	0	0
5. Is your DR plan resilient and are you confident your company can continue operating even if a disaster strikes?	0	0



	Y	N
6. Does your team have the training necessary to fail over a site?	0	0
7. Do you currently have a hot, cold or warm site or use the cloud to minimize downtime and data loss?	0	0
8. If you aren't using cloud-based DR, are you content to continue allocating resources and budget money to purchasing, managing and maintaining your DR infrastructure?	0	0
9. If you aren't using cloud-based DR, are you confident that you're staying up to date with the newest DR technologies?	0	0
10. Does your DR plan meet all your compliance requirements?	0	0
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