

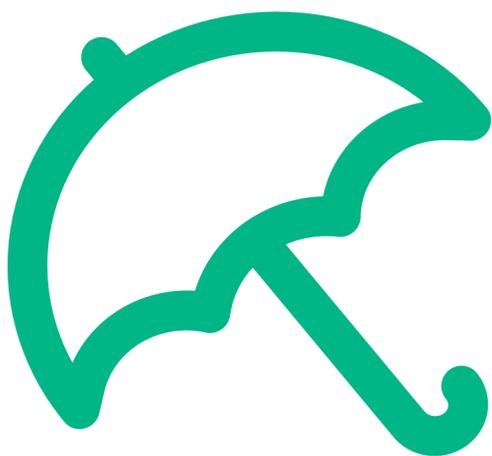
# Business Continuity vs Disaster Recovery

## IN HIGHER EDUCATION



### Business Continuity

Business continuity focuses on understanding the risks and putting measures in place to eliminate or mitigate the risks before they affect a business.



## BUSINESS CONTINUITY

### Disaster Recovery

Disaster recovery is an element of business continuity, but it is the data center staff that are involved in the recovery, and only if the adverse event impacts any element of the computing environment.

Using the analogy of an umbrella, **Business Continuity** is the overarching canopy with **Disaster Recovery** falling under the canopy.

Is about having a response plan (generally referred to as a business continuity plan) in place prior to an event occurring so that staff, faculty, and students understand their role during an emergency.

### Business continuity plans may be activated due to...



Disaster recovery differs from business continuity in one key way, it refers specifically to recovering the computing environment of an organization. This may include replacing computing equipment, such as servers, applications, or the network, and restoring data, in order for the business and academic units to continue their critical functions.

## DISASTER RECOVERY

### Business Continuity Plans:

#### Response Procedures

- How faculty, staff, and students will communicate in a disaster.
- A plan for how services will continue for the customer (students, grantors, community, etc.), as seamlessly as possible.
- A step-by-step plan for restoring the services.
- Steps to ensure the safety of employees.

#### Other Important Information

- Critical functions that must be carried out in spite of the emergency.
- Contact information for staff, other key individuals within the institution, and external vendors, first responders, sponsors or grantors, etc.
- Applications that support the critical functions

### Disaster Recovery Plans:

#### Recovery Procedures for Equipment in the Data Center

- Servers
- Applications
- Network
- Data

#### Causes for Activation

- Data breach
- Damage to equipment due to a data center fire, flood, etc.
- Employee sabotage
- Power outage
- Damage to cabling that impacts the equipment capabilities

A mature business continuity program should include a viable set of disaster recovery plans. Having them in place will ensure a more efficient recovery effort.

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