

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

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Introduction

The policy of Bishopsgate Specialist Installations & Logistics is to develop a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan (BCP). The objective being to ensure recovery as quickly and effectively as possible from an unforeseen disaster or emergency which interrupts normal business operations. It will contain a formal risk assessment in order to determine the requirements for the BCP. It will cover all essential and critical business activities.

The master copy of the BCP will be held centrally with copies distributed to the Crisis Coordination Team and notice boards in all locations.

Emergency Response Plan

The Crisis Communication Team will establish:

- Size and type of incident.
- Which staff to be contacted.
- Which staff should travel to site.
- The Crisis Communication Team will hold details of key staff phone numbers on their mobile phones.
- Where necessary call trees will be invoked to contact further staff in each department.
- The Crisis Communication Team will hold numbers of key support services, e.g. security, plant hire, utilities, building services, subcontractors.
- The relevant staff will travel to site and liaise with emergency services and staff to establish:
 - Site and staff safety; is it safe to enter building? etc.
 - Scale of damage, size and content of recovery team, agree responsibilities and a common reporting line.
 - Initiate respective recovery plan, details in later sections.
 - Requirement to notify official bodies e.g. Health & Safety Executive.
 - Requirement for photographic evidence prior to recovery commencing.

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It is the responsibility of the Crisis Communication Team to ensure the following issues are covered in addition to the detailed plans in later sections:

- Salvage & Disposal
- Personnel
- Public Relations & Client Communication
- Insurance & Financial
- Back to normal recovery planning
- Post-Mortem review

Finally, it is the responsibility of the Crisis Communication Team to ensure the process is maintained and updated as part of business as usual, the key elements being:

- Education & Awareness
- Training
- Review
- Change Control
- Assurance

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Risk Identification, Causation, and Mitigation

The following table identifies potential risks that could arise at any given time. By identifying the possible causes, Bishopsgate can effectively design mitigation strategies.

The diverse work profile, strategically located depots, access to vehicles and staff from the parent group, and web-based IT strategy gives us time to recover and to continue to meet and exceed KPI's.

Impact of Risk	Cause	Risk Mitigation Strategies
Loss of Storage or Office facility	Fire/arson. Flood. Explosion. Vandalism. Severe Weather. Terrorism. Denial of Entry (crime scene, asbestos, gas leak etc.). Structural Failure.	Security Risk Assessments. Security Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV, • Access control • Intruder/Fire Alarm Monitoring Fire Risk Assessment. Storing Sandbags and Barriers. Routine Structural Checks and Maintenance. 3-5 Day Freight Service.
Unavailability of IT/Issues with Cloud.	Power Failure. Virus Threat/Cyber Security. Network Failure. Damage to IT Equipment. Data cables disturbed. Technical Problem	Back-Up Generator. Data Back-Up. Virus Protection/Firewall. Routine Network Maintenance. Staff have laptops so can work anywhere with power and internet. Booking Data Stored in the Cloud. Telephone booking as backup.
Interrupted Fuel Supply	Strike Action Sabotage Terrorism Explosion	Storage of fuel. Reduce dependency on fuel. 3-5 Day Freight Services. Multiple suppliers.
Large Staff Shortages	Pandemic Strike Action Fuel Shortages Industrial Action Transport Issues Pandemic	National and Local Pandemic Plan. Capacity to work from home. Excellent working relations. Access to resources from parent company, subsidiaries & 3 rd parties. Agency Labour.
Mass Loss of Delivery Vehicles	Explosion Bomb Threat Traffic Incident Breakdown Terrorism	Insurance against damage or loss. Regular maintenance/ replacement of vehicles. Vehicle Rental Relationships 3-5 Day Freight Services

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The following plans cover each scenario that allows Bishopsgate to return critical functions back to normal service as soon and as effectively as possible. The effect of each scenario on Bishopsgate's service as each scenario continues and worsens with time, is shown. It is the responsibility of the management and recovery team to implement and organise the actions to be taken to restore the service of prioritised critical functions.

a. Loss of 'local' Warehouse/Office

Bishopsgate have a number of strategically located depots that could transfer the operations cockpit in extreme emergency situations. These are in the following locations:

- **Glasgow**

1 Belgrave Street
Bellshill Industrial
Estate, Bellshill
North Lanarkshire
ML4 3NP

- **Tamworth**

Unit E1B Birch Coppice
Business Park
Dordon
Tamworth, B78 1SG

- **Swindon**

Unit 1, Interface
Business Park
Wootton Bassett,
Swindon, Wiltshire
SN4 8QL

- **Warrington**

Bridge Street, Golborne,
Warrington, WA3 3PX

- **London**

Unit A, Premier Park,
Abbey Road,
Park Royal, London,
NW10 7NZ

- Move stored items to the nearest geographical warehouse location alongside delivery fleet; so that vehicles are where they are required, and stock is in secure usable location.
- In case of fire, flood or collapse GIT stock is naturally kept to a minimum as goods flow through the warehouse.
- Bishopsgate can either relocate staff to 'other' offices or key staff can work from home. Key functions: Mandata TMS & WMS, e-mail are all accessible for key workers.

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Time	Potential Effect on Service:
First 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to the nearest depot by geographical location. • More staff needed to complete the move of goods.
24 – 48 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger delivery distance for moved stock to travel increasing delivery times. • More staff and overtime required to deliver all goods on time. • Possible failed deliveries.
Up to 1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased fuel dependency due to extra mileage covered. • Higher wage cost due to hotel bills or transport costs • Stock lost would need replacing
Up to 2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure on location to operate effectively over longer periods.

b. Loss, Damage or Unavailability of IT or Cloud

- Retrieve back-up data from the Cloud.
- Replace any damaged IT equipment.
- Resolve issue as soon as possible to avoid excessive downtime.
- Data can be transferred by email or telephone bookings can be taken by Customer Services.
- Bishopsgate has IT support on-site and consultancy agreement for cover with Transped.

Time	Potential Effect on Service:
First 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service numbers forwarded to mobile numbers if phones are down. • Bookings completed through Customer Services via telephone. • Use of other media to capture bookings on TMS system. • Use Excel back-up job/stock data. • Existing jobs planned using job sheets. • Implement use of paper POC/POD • Implement use of paper Warehouse Pick
24 – 48 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairing/Replacing damaged equipment.
Up to 1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential loss of large number of deliveries
Up to 2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of customers to competitors • Cut staff levels due to drop in bookings

c. Interrupted Fuel Supply

- Reduce dependency on fuel to ensure stored reserves last during time of shortage.
- Work with clients to extend delivery window to maximise utilisation of vehicles.
- Contact multiple suppliers BSI use to optimise resources available.

Time	Effect on Service:
First 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce dependency on fuel as much as possible. • Only complete time sensitive deliveries
24 – 48 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to complete important or urgent jobs only. • Reduce staffing levels to align with reduction in deliveries

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Up to 1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop taking new bookings from new clients as fuel reserves get low to maintain services with existing client base.
Up to 2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to source new supplies from supplier or additional sources and keep in constant contact with client

d. Staff Shortages

- Redeploy staff between depots.
- Redeploy staff from parent company and subsidiaries.
- Utilise warehouse staff, first line supervisors, management, and employment agencies that specialise in providing qualified crews.
- Remaining staff willing to work longer hours (within working time directive) to cover absentees.

Time	Effect on Service:
First 72 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing staff will be stretched but will cope if they postpone work of low priority. • Plan for cover on following days
72 – 1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redeploy staff between depots • Cover absentees with temporary staff
Up to 1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher wage costs due to temporary replacements • Mixed crews; trained experienced staff backed up by those drafted in from other areas. • Plan Ad Hoc training for key tasks.
Up to 2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redeploy management to support

e. Loss of Delivery Vehicles

- Hire vehicles called in as short-term replacement.
- Transfer vehicles from parent company & subsidiaries or 3rd party to Bishopsgate.
- Older vehicles currently out of use brought back into service to cover shortage.

Time	Effect on Service:
First 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day to day effort to meet contingency plan.
24 – 48 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary replacement using hire and old vehicles.
Up to 1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter into longer term hire or lease agreements to satisfy demand.

f. Pandemic Planning

During a situation where there is a wide-spread pandemic of a disease such as Avian Flu or COVID 19, Bishopsgate have a number of ways to safeguard employees and our service level. Bishopsgate take advice from a number of sources primarily Government updates, but also include the Chartered

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Institute of Logistics & Transport Focus, the Road Haulage Association and Business Link. We are confident that we will receive good and professional advice early that is focussed on our Industry.

This business continuity plan would come into effect when sickness and absence across the whole workforce rises above 20%. This may be brought forward depending upon the advice received from the Government. During a pandemic Bishopsgate would:

- Prioritise 'live' jobs by utilising our warehouse staff, first line supervisors, management, and employment agencies that specialise in providing qualified crews.
- Redeploy staff between depots to cover absentees.
- Increase remote access capabilities to avoid staff coming in contact with disease.
- Allow staff to work from home to avoid spread to entire workforce.
- Implement conferencing call technology used for meetings instead of face-to-face.

In addition, Bishopsgate enjoys a mix of work that allows non-urgent jobs to be held back up to 10 days in some instances.

Staff may be absent from work due to having flu like symptoms or having to provide support and care to children or affected family. To cover this shortage in staff Bishopsgate will use remaining staff willing to work for longer hours to cover absentees.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Effect on Service:</u>
First 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No real effect on service -office staff can work from home.• Plan for likely staff shortages.
24 – 48 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cover absent staff using temporary employees or existing employees working for longer hours.• Cut down human contact between staff and customers.• Avoid hospital-based deliveries.

g. Crisis Communications

The crisis communication team is responsible for communicating any incident that has occurred or is occurring not only to the staff within Bishopsgate, but to our customers as well as the general public or relevant media. In the case of any crisis the team should be notified and given the responsibility to best communicate and implement Bishopsgate's continuity plan. The plan is there as a guide but ultimately it is the crisis team that makes the final decision, usually on consultation with customers and agencies such as the Road Haulage Association. The priority when reacting to a crisis proceeds as follows:

1. Ensure the safety of work force, vehicles and property.
2. Develop a plan to assist anyone/anything affected.
3. Communicate with employees.
4. Communicate with those indirectly affected i.e. customers and suppliers.
5. Communicate with Melanie Bien -Bien Media.

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Key Contact Sheet – Crisis Communication Team

Contact	Office Number	Mobile Number	Useful information
Tim Bloch	N/A	07976 942902	Managing Director
Jake Bloch	N/A	07709 430262	Operations Director/IT Manager
Patrick de la Hunty	N/A	07543 635545	Director of Service
Janusz Sosnierz	0203 7256205	07979 243546	London Depot Manager
Eddie Hanratty	0141 7732266	07899 060777	Glasgow Depot Manager
Barrie Freeman	0161 6676180	07770 347352	Warrington Depot Manager
Ed Godwood	01827 908290	07557 885379	Tamworth Transport Manager
Mark Dowling	01793 859010	07717 780196	Swindon Warehouse Manager
Melanie Bien – Bien Media	020 3771 4141	07875 175357	Public Relations

The Director of Service and Operations Director are primarily responsible for Business Continuity Planning on a 'day to day' basis for Clients.

h. Review & Testing

This policy and procedure will be reviewed every 12 months and regularly tested to identify any gaps or errors and to improve its performance.

Signed: 

Tim Bloch, Managing Director

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