

6.0 Plan Testing

An untested plan can often be more of a hindrance than help. The ability of the BCP to be effective in emergency situations can only be assessed if rigorous testing is carried out in realistic conditions. The BCP Testing Phase contains important verification activities, which should enable the plan to stand up to most disruptive events.

The BCP should be tested within a realistic environment, which means simulating conditions, applicable in an actual emergency. It is also important that the persons who would be responsible for those activities in a crisis carry out the tests.

In most cases a tabletop test will be conducted. A scenario will be given to your BCP group along with questions that will need to be answered during the test.

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