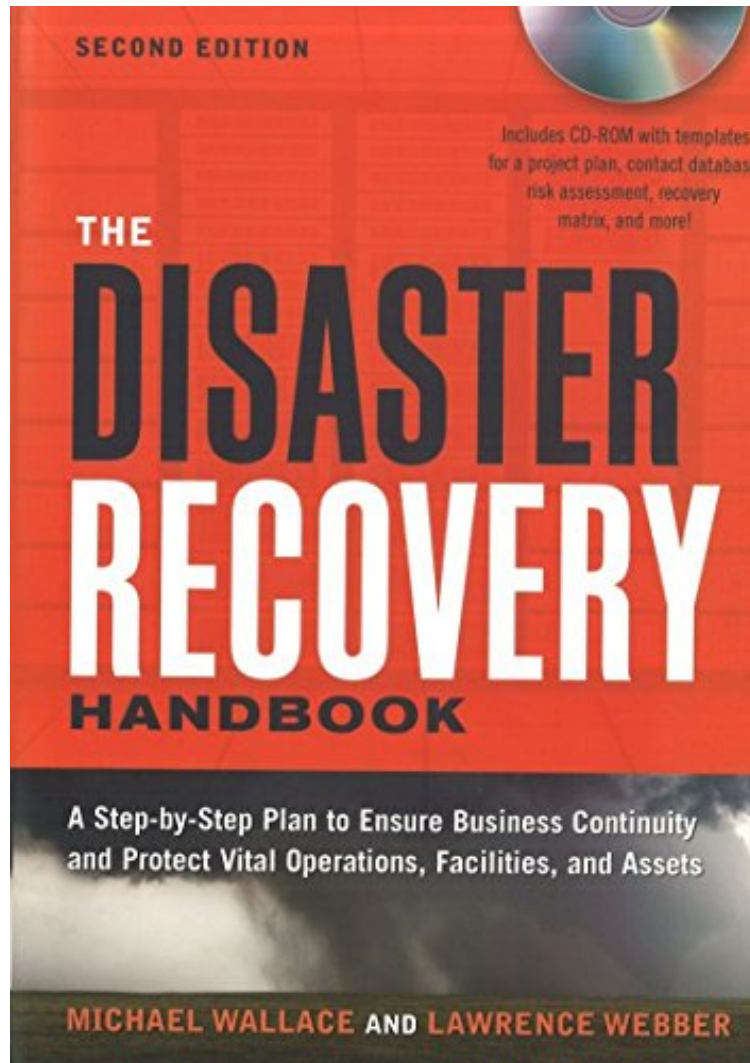


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This is a textbook on the subject of disaster recovery. As with all textbooks they provide valuable information. You wouldn't want a surgeon that didn't use one. However there is another side. As with your old college textbooks it is sort of boring to read. A few more real world stories might have sparked things up.  
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This urgency I am sure has put people into difficult circumstances. Someone misses a meeting and they find themselves the head of their company's disaster recovery program. This is the book for you then. This book is very comprehensive. It covers things most books forget. Any person that just reads the book will be ahead of 70% of people in the field. The book is that good. It gives you that critical information you need to at least keep your head above water. The book doesn't write the plan for you but it lays out a map. The book covers the basics. It sort of lays out a checklist of things to remember. The big things are sort of easy like put out the fire. The book explains the secondary things that can ruin your day if they go wrong. These are the things like human resources, power distribution, computers, data backup, alternate sites, and scores of other things.  
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Terrorist attacks. Data assaults. Natural catastrophes. Disease outbreaks. Recent years have taught us that not only was 9/11 not just a single, horrible occurrence, but that events of many types can - and statistically will - hit organizations of every size, threatening to disrupt and potentially even destroy those that are not fully prepared. This revised edition, filled with up-to-the-minute thinking and the latest legal and technological updates, provides readers with practical tools and ready-to-use instructions for assessing risk; clearly documenting recovery procedures; assembling a disaster team; testing and debugging every step; protecting material resources; and recovering vital records. In addition to a CD packed with forms and checklists, the book contains case studies, interviews, and all the practical guidance needed to create the kind of thorough disaster recovery plan every responsible organization must have in place.

Security Management: "This is a thoroughly researched, simply presented, and well-written work that gently guides the reader through the process of developing a plan." From the Inside Flap  
Katrina, 9/11, and the BP oil spill are the kinds of deep-impact disasters that every company dreads. But even everyday threats a roof collapsing, a computer network failing, a gas truck toppling over on the highway and shutting down distribution lines can seriously disrupt operations, sometimes permanently. Disaster preparation isn't a nice-to-have; it's an imperative. The Disaster Recovery Handbook is your all-in-one toolkit for surviving any potential danger by building a comprehensive recovery plan that spells out exactly what to do, when, and by whom. With a practical, reality-based focus, the book emphasizes getting critical business functions up and running as quickly as possible, and supplies step-by-step instructions and project management tools for making it happen. You'll find guidelines on how to: Gather a top-notch team of knowledgeable coworkers, and clarify both the scope of the project and specific tasks and deadlines. Identify all of the probable threats that could disrupt your business, and use that information to create a complete risk assessment picture that pinpoints vulnerabilities. Select a recovery strategy for quickly restoring vital business functions to a serviceable level, a step that vastly reduces the risk of catastrophe shutting down your doors. Write a clear, complete recovery plan for your organization or customize one of the four plans supplied on the accompanying CD. Prepare instructions for salvaging a crippled IT system, or any vital technical function from restoring a single piece of machinery to maintaining a customer service call center during a disaster. Safeguard your irreplaceable data, which can be lost or compromised from factors such as server failures, fire, user errors, or a security breach. Plus much more. All-new chapters provide an overview of project management essentials to ensure your plan is a success, guidelines for effective communication in the early stages of a disaster, instructions on writing disaster recovery plans for every vital business function, tips for mitigating the effect of widespread pandemic, and more. Packed with forms and checklists on the companion CD, helpful what to do sidebars, and recommended strategies for specific scenarios, the second edition of The Disaster Recovery Handbook is your one-stop guide for both avoiding potential trouble and recovering quickly when disaster strikes. Michael Wallace is vice president of consulting services at Result Data, an IT strategy, business intelligence, and disaster recovery consulting firm. He has 25 years of experience in information systems, including positions as programmer at Reynolds Reynolds, and president of Q Consulting. He is a member of the Contingency Planners of Ohio and the Project Management Institute. Lawrence Webber is a Certified Project Manager (CPM) and a Master Business Continuity Professional (MBCP). He has held a variety of positions in the information services field for more than 25 years. From the Back Cover  
Electrical outages, fires, floods, computer malfunctions, toxic material spills, water main breaks, labor strikes, sabotage. The number of disasters that can shut down your

organization is vast, and the likelihood of one striking is inevitable. Even minor setbacks, like a fifteen-minute blackout, can cost you a bundle. With a focus on practical solutions and an emphasis on getting your operations functional as soon as possible, this all-new edition of *The Disaster Recovery Handbook* helps you develop a clear, what-to-do-next plan of action for your organization. From assembling your team to analyzing your risk to testing your plan, you'll learn to minimize damage and quickly recover from any natural or human-made disaster. Completely revised and updated, *The Disaster Recovery Handbook* walks you through a multitude of real-life disaster scenarios, pointing out what works and what doesn't for bringing order to chaotic situations. You'll learn to implement every key step in a recovery effort, including how to: Assemble a disaster reaction team. Design a business impact analysis and risk assessment. Prepare recovery plans for different scenarios. Test and debug every step. Pinpoint the best place to locate your emergency operations center. Preserve essential data networks. Recover from a power outage. Retrieve vital records. And much more. Plenty of people have come up with sloppy, hastily prepared disaster plans that languish on a shelf. But your plan won't. By following the how-to guidelines and ready-to-use forms on the accompanying CD, this sweeping, start-to-finish guide will serve as an essential survival guide for navigating the trials ahead.