# **Business Continuity & Resilience Services**

Businesses face so many challenges in today's marketplace that can disrupt operations or interrupt a supply chain, including:

- Cyber attacks
- COVID-19
- Natural disasters

Having a plan in place and being prepared to successfully manage these situations should be a critical component of any operating model.

The turbulence of 2020, especially the global COVID-19 pandemic, revealed to many organizations just how underprepared they are to effectively respond to and recover from major business disruptions or crises.

Organizations suddenly found they had to deal with unprecedented direct and indirect challenges to their businesses, including major supply chain disruptions, sudden shifts in customer demand and increased cyberthreats since a large portion of the workforce was operating remotely.

However, the incidence of these types of threats was escalating well before COVID-19, as were threats posed by workplace violence, societal unrest and natural disasters as a result of climate change.

To make matters worse, organizations are now faced with increased costs for insurance coverage as a result of a hard market.

Building resilient and recoverable operations has proven to be more difficult than ever. Organizations often struggle to develop a comprehensive yet pragmatic business continuity management framework to identify, assess and manage threats/vulnerabilities.

Underpreparedness has consequences. A minor incident can escalate to a major crisis that can consume an organization, and impact its brand/reputation and financial results for months, if not years.

According to Oxford Metrica, "Of the companies that faced a crisis, on average, more than three-quarters experienced a 20%–30% drop in their stock price as a result of the way the incident was managed."

For companies to achieve long-term resilience, they must be agile enough to respond and recover from any crisis, regardless of its nature or origin.

If COVID-19 taught us anything, it is that the ability to recover critical business processes builds confidence among key stakeholders such as employees, regulators, customers, investors, the media, the public and insurers.

Resilient organizations manage uncertainty. As a trusted partner and advisor, Gallagher's **Business Continuity and Resilience Services** team works with organizations to first assess their level of business resilience and then develop custom programs to improve it. We have developed business continuity, crisis management, crisis communications and supply chain risk management programs for clients in virtually every industry.

Oxford Metrica study 2020



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When evaluating potential crises you may face, it's important to focus on **Uninsured & Uninsurable Losses** to identify any risks you have that are either uninsured or uninsurable.

### **Business Continuity**

A business continuity plan reduces the operational impact of an incident by directly targeting the recovery of an organization's value drivers—those business processes that directly drive revenue and reputation—and enables an organization to recover more efficiently and effectively following a major business disruption or crisis.

## **Crisis Management**

Crisis management plans prevent or mitigate risks to people, brands, reputations and financial results, and provide the overarching framework for all response and recovery activities within the organization. Moreover, these plans improve coordination and accelerate decision-making at all levels of an organization in the event of a crisis.

#### **Crisis Communications**

Crisis communication plans communicate promptly, accurately and confidently to all stakeholders during an incident or actual crisis, and enable organizations to better coordinate internal and external global communications with media, employees, regulators, customers, investors and the public at large.



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# **Supply Chain Risk Management**

A supply chain risk management program will help assess and manage third-party risks and vulnerabilities to ensure that products/services continue to be delivered both during and following a major disruption.

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