



According to the FEMA, 40% of small businesses with flood damage won't reopen after a disaster, and that 75% of businesses without a continuity plan fail within three years. While we hope for the best, we should prepare for the worst. Below are some tips that should help you when preparing your business, specifically devices and hardware, ahead of Hurricane Dorian. Stay safe!

Getting your tech devices ready

Charge your devices and backup batteries. Backup and sync computers, phones and devices. Locally download essential files in the event of no internet. Download movies and podcasts in preparation for no internet access. Switch off cell data for non-essential apps.

Protecting your electronic hardware at home and work

Move electronics to a safe room without windows. Move electronics off the ground to protect from flooding, remember flooding can come from the roof. Shut down computers and unplug machines and power surges. Unplug Ethernet cables from computers or docking stations. Power off printers or any other accessories. Use dry bags or wrap electronics in plastic to ensure some short-term protection.

Preparing for the storm

Backup all data on servers and personal computers. If the backup site is within the area that may be affected by the storm, take backup tapes with you in the evacuation. Turn off all non-critical devices such as server monitors and workstations and other non-essential electrical equipment. Check the integrity of the any Uninterruptible Power Supply systems. Move the UPS to the highest level possible above the floor.

During Evacuation

Use an alert system (internal chat service, text messages, etc) to keep all interested parties posted on status updates and next steps. Have a central point of contact for all employees and ensure you know where your people are located. Consider your customers calling your phones lines - redirection to cell phones, answering service, Google Voice, or backup lines could be critical.

Additional Information

In New Hanover county – Determine Potential Flooding Risk - shorturl.at/duxAB

NOAA – National Hurricane Center – Hurricane Dorian- shorturl.at/lAIUV

FEMA 'Ready Business' Hurricane Toolkit - shorturl.at/kqCNW

Personal Preparation Tips - <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>



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