



Risk Management for your Business

The average small to mid size business experienced three outages in the last year due to viruses, power outages or natural disasters, yet half of those businesses did not have plans on how to deal with the disruption* (*Symantec 2009 SMB Disaster Preparedness Survey). I.T. risk management should be holistic and include all functional areas of the business. Some of the key categories of risks that should be planned for include:

- Human: unintentional or intentional information delete; virus, network attack.
- Environmental: chemical leakage, power outage.
- Natural: electrical storm, flood, building collapse/damage.

Contact your ESW Account Manager to find out how ESW can help you manage your I.T. and business risks by starting with an IT Security Evaluation.

Laptop user security management.

With many employees travelling and/or working remotely, there are opportunities to implement some best practices around laptop security:

- Get a steel cable lock for you laptop so you can lock it to your desk (especially at home).
- Invest in recovery software that will identify itself once turned on if laptop is stolen.
- Ensure the laptop is password protected to login.
- Lock your computer when you are away from your desk (ctrl-alt-delete—"lock computer").
- Backup files to the network whenever possible to avoid data loss and theft.

Speak with your Account Manager to find out how ESW can help you better manage laptop security for remote and travelling employees.

Did You Know?

100% Tax deduction on Computers

The 2009 Budget provides a temporary 100% Capital Cost Allowance (CCA) rate for eligible computers and software.

- For computer equipment and software acquired between January 27, 2009 and February 2011.
- The "year and a half" rule will not apply, allowing you to fully deduct the cost of an eligible computer in the first year that the CCA deductions are available.
- In general, this special treatment is restricted to computers acquired for business uses.

Contact your tax advisor or ESW for more details.