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## Vitalant Disaster Prevention and Recovery Plan and Operational Continuity Plan

The purpose of a disaster plan is to establish procedures for the immediate resumption of business operations in the event of a disaster. The Vitalant Disaster Prevention and Recovery Plan has the primary objective to protect the organization and ensure operational continuity in the event that all or part of its operations and/or computer system is rendered unusable.

Objectives of the Disaster Recovery Plan also include:

- Prevent disasters caused by human error, deliberate destruction, and building or equipment failures from occurring
- Better prepare to recover from a major natural catastrophe
- Contain the impact of a disaster if one does happen
  - Ensure the safety of all employees and visitors at the site
  - Secure business sites and facilities
- Provide an organized response to a disaster/incident
  - Minimize the need decision making during a disaster
  - Minimize delays
  - Recover lost or damaged records or information after a disaster
- Ensure organization's ability to continue operating after a disaster
  - Provide alternate ways to service customer needs
  - Minimize disruptions to cash flow

This is in compliance with:

- **AABB Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, 32<sup>nd</sup> edition**
  - **Standard 1.4 Operational Continuity** – Executive management shall ensure that the facility has policies, processes, and procedures that address continuity for potential events that put operations at risk.
    - **Standard 1.4.1** – The BB/TS shall have a policy to address product inventory shortages.

