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Disaster Planning for You and Your Law Firm

Even though you probably have a plan in place for managing unexpected practice interruptions, here are some links to additional resources. And remember, the first Canadian resources for law firm disaster planning were developed in response to SARS.

Resources for Developing Disaster Plans

Canadian Resources:

The Law Society of Ontario's Practice Pro booklet provides direction on how to formulate your disaster plan, regardless of the size of your firm.

https://www.practicepro.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Practice_Interruptions_booklet.pdf

The Law Society of British Columbia has developed detailed checklists on what to do before and after a disaster strikes.

<https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/Website/media/Shared/docs/practice/resources/BeforeandAfterDisaster.pdf>

American Resources:

The American Bar Association has a standing Committee on Disaster Preparedness for law firms, with a website devoted to educating lawyers on how to prepare for and respond to disasters.

<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/disaster/>
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/disaster/aba_bcm_guide_final.pdf

Disaster Planning and Recovery, published by Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina, a bar-related American lawyers' insurer, provides sample plans, forms and checklists and excellent advice from a hurricane prone state.

https://nmcdn.io/e186d21f8c7946a19faed23c3da2f0da/556712d9bf0f4cb2a916cc810687d52b/files/risk-management-resources/risk-management-handouts/Disaster_Planning.pdf

Rely on Health Experts and Government Resources

Check out these reliable sources for step-by-step instructions on Covid-19.

The Manitoba Department of Health- Coronaviruses for Workplaces

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/workplaces.html>

Coronavirus and Occupational Health and Safety (Government of Canada) The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety for

<https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/coronavirus.html>