

Cyber Resilience:

Focusing your resilience
program on cyber-attacks

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**Business
Resilience**

VS.

**Cyber
Resilience**

Types of Disruptions

Deliberate threats

- **Cyber-attack (sabotage such as ransomware)**
- **Labor strike/protest**
- **Physical vandalism / attack**
- **Theft of critical assets**

Accidental threats

- **Fire / explosion**
- **Equipment/hardware malfunction**
- **Power failure**
- **Chemical/hazmat spill**
- **Software malfunction**
- **Supplier failure/bankruptcy**
- **Industrial accidents**

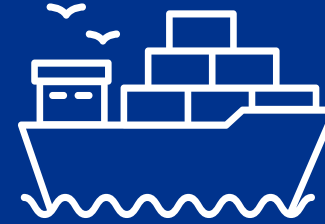
Natural hazards

- **Epidemic/pandemic**
- **Snowstorm**
- **Earthquake**
- **Hurricane**
- **Flooding / tidal wave**
- **Extreme cold temperatures**

Recent business resilience lessons



Hurricanes



Supply chain



Ransomware



Communications

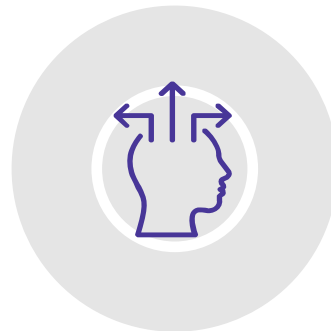
Business resilience domains



Incident & Emergency Response

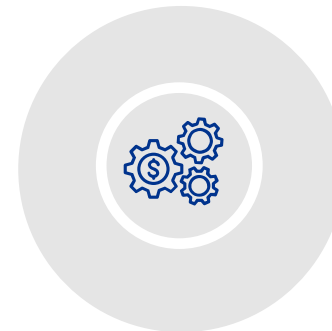
Scenario example

A fire/explosion severely damages the head office campus and several employees are hurt, and the entire campus must be evacuated



Crisis Management

The organization is blamed for carelessness in the media, and needs a coordinated public relations response



Business Continuity Planning

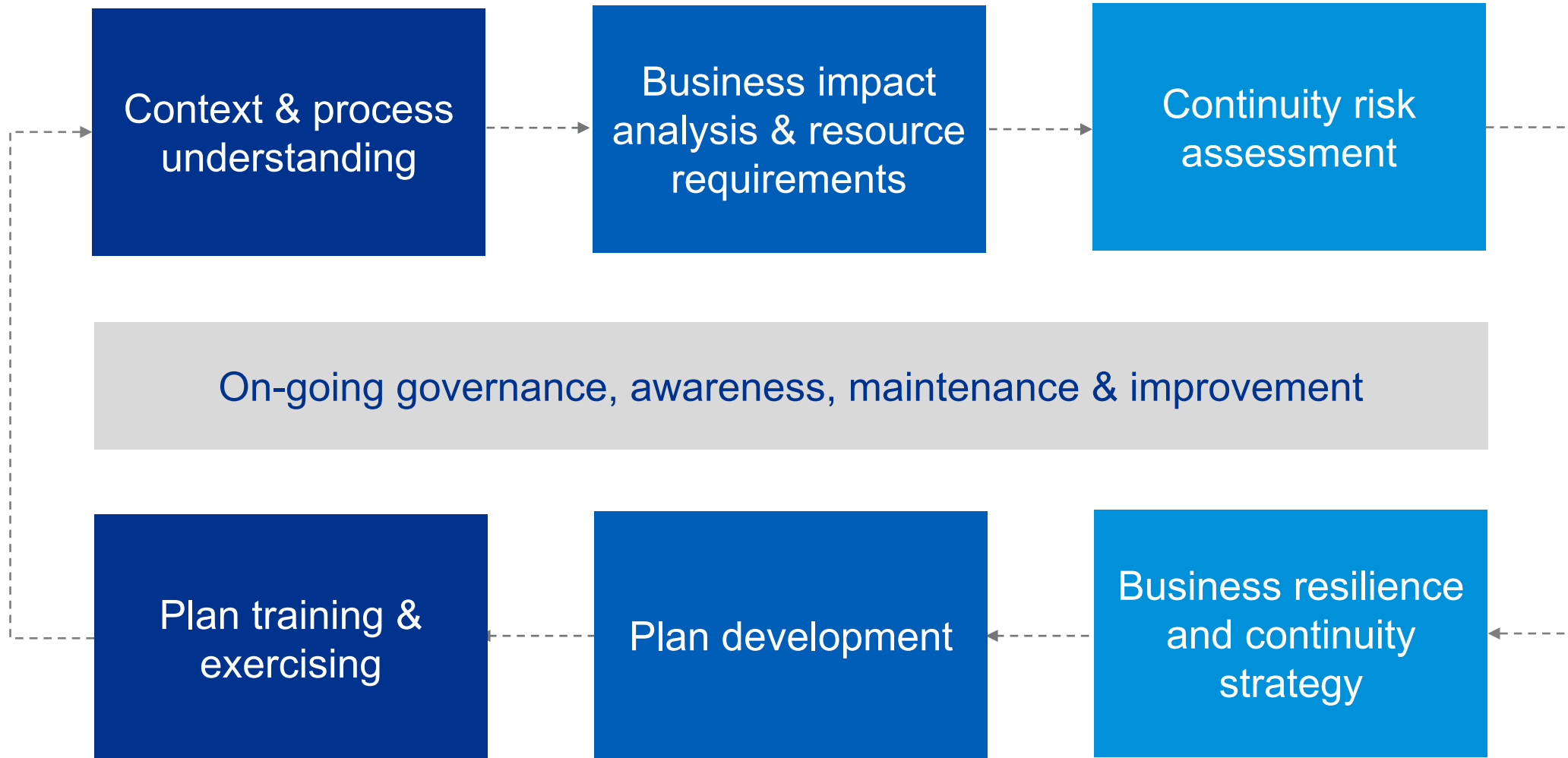
The organization conducted most front-office activities at the head office campus, and needs to activate its BCP to continue delivering services



Disaster Recovery Planning

The primary datacenter was also impacted in the fire/explosion, and the organization needs to activate its DRP to restore IT systems

Business resilience lifecycle



How to approach the business impact analysis (BIA)

Pre-BIA (preparation)



BIA (workshops)



Post-BIA (reporting)

Step 1: divide the organization into multiple “BIAs” to streamline workshops

Step 2: document an inventory of processes to be analyzed in each BIA

Step 1: assess impact-over-time of disruption on each process (should consider all-perils)

Step 2: identify minimum resource requirements for processes to operate at the minimum acceptable level (can be scenario-specific)

Step 1: resolve any conflicts over resource requirements or interdependent processes

Step 2: summarize impact results and resource requirements in a BIA report for management review and use in next steps

Scenario Pitfall

1. Impact should be assessed in an all-perils scenario to measure the true recovery target
2. Resource types can be limited based on the scenario:
 - **Cyber Resilience:** Systems, vital records and third parties
 - **Business Resilience:** Add personnel, facilities and specialized equipment/machinery



How to assess exposure



Examples of risk factors

Internal systems

**Widespread vs.
narrow use**

**Current recovery
capabilities**

**Manual
alternatives**

External systems

**Widespread vs.
narrow use**

**3rd party recovery
commitment**

**Cybersecurity
posture**

Third parties

**Contractual
safeguards**

**Resilience track
record**

**Availability of
alternatives**

Developing a strategy



Prevention

Reduce the impact and/or probability of the risk materializing



Response

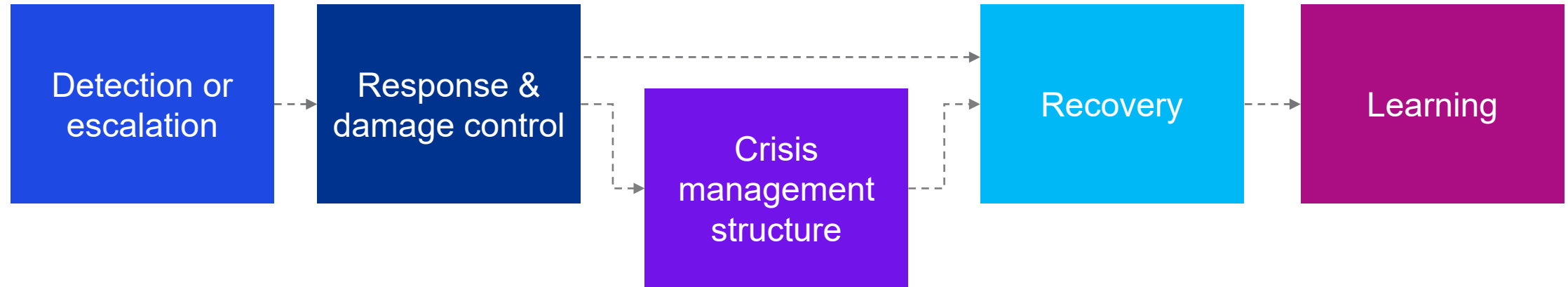
Effectively respond to incidents to minimize losses and damage



Recovery

Recover critical processes within approved recovery timeframes

Response model and flow



Investing & safety nets



“Big red buttons”



Minimum plan contents



Integrating crisis management



Training and exercising

Validate the effectiveness of response strategies in a safe, simulated environment

Build capability amongst the individuals expected to respond to disruptions

Empower key stakeholders to know when to act and how to act during a disruption

Build comfort around how to respond to a number of different disruptions

Improved visibility of risks and mitigating actions taking place

Identify gaps in business processes before it is too late

Closing remarks

**Keep the business involved and engaged
(still not a cyber-only responsibility)**



**Keep it practical
(survival mode)**

**Understand the appetite for
investment**



**Invest across the lifecycle:
prevent, respond, recover**



**Look outside the box: consider what
would happen if a key supplier went
bankrupt or experienced a major breach**



**Collaborate with your industry
and peers**





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