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recent natural disasters and other catastrophies in the news, we've
received many requests from you, our readers, seeking advise in developing
a disaster recovery plan to help your business or those of your clients
survive an unexpected major event.

With the help of some of the most respected experts in accounting technology, data backup, disaster planning and business continuity, along with our panel of columnists, we now offer you an array of articles, advice and other information – all centered around the topic of Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning. We also will be presenting a **free webcast** on the subject on November 28 at 2:00 pm ET. All webcast attendess receive 2 hours of free CPE credit. **Click here to register** or for more information. Also check out the valuable information on the blog at The Tech Gap.

While we hope that you never eed to utilize a disaster recovery plan, we hope that this information provides you with the tools you need to develop a sound strategy and continually evaluate your plan to keep your business, and those of your clients, prepared to weather whatever future storms may arise.

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Catastrophic

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Disaster Recovery

is ... well ... a Disaster!

The world changed forever on September 11, 2001.
Our inherent sense of security and stability was shaken as we watched the chaos and terror created by a small number of people as they flew airplanes loaded with passengers and fuel into buildings full of people.

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The Most Common

Uncommon Disasters

On June 24 and 25, 2006, torrential rainfalls flooded the IRS headquarters, leaving over 25 feet of water in the basements. Over 2,700 workers were displaced, and 3 million gallons of water was pumped out over four days to reveal damaged electrical systems, heating/cooling
systems and stored information.

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Preparation:

Key to a Swift Recovery

Expect the unexpected. That's the lesson businesses and insurers alike should take away from the devastation wrought by Katrina and Rita, which disrupted 125,000 small and midsize businesses, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Where Disaster

Recovery Meets Document Management!

Among other things, a disaster recovery plan covers
the data, hardware and software critical for a business to restart operations
in the event of a natural or human-caused disaster.

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Top 25 Things

Every Accounting Firm Should Include in its Disaster Recovery

Plan

How secure is your company? Really? Don't
just think or hope; take the necessary steps to protect your data and
your business.

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Destroying/Erasing

Your Hard Drive

Many people have asked me recently about how to
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Until recently, there have been no great solutions for dealing with
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Disaster Recovery Database Available

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of the Professional Edition of its Docsvault document management software, which
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