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Security's Role in BCP/DRP Management/Response

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Business Continuity Planning and Response and Disaster Recovery Planning and Response is critical for any organization and should be something that is built, funded, exercised, and tested. Security and Safety functions are always a support function for BC/DR programs. This is focused partly on Security's role in the organization's overall BC/DR program, but also the BC/DRP of the Security function (as a business function)

Reality: I have experienced BC/DR function for the business, reporting into a CSO / CISO / Security leader, but generally these are very separate and distinct functions with separate team/skills, training, budget,

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- I will report security incidents, concerns, vulnerabilities, and threats to my supervisor or organization's Ethics Hotline as soon as possible and safe, but if they are not available and I feel unsafe, I will contact law enforcement.
- Security Supporting the Business
    - o I will ensure the security team members I oversee, is trained and available to support the various roles we play to support the organization's BC/DR program (planning and response).
    - o I will ensure that the security functions I oversee, have integration, planning, and response procedures and budget to support the organization's BC/DR program (planning and response).
    - o I will not interfere with the non-security roles of BC/DR (planning and response)
    - o I will prioritize security and safety response during BC/DR planning and response support needs of the business
    - o I will notify the BC/DR leaders of any potential or actual BC/DR impacts due to actual or likely security incidents I or our team discovers.
    - o I will ensure all my security operational work considers impacts on the business's BC/DR program and potential events/incidents.
- Security Functional BC/DR:
    - o I will ensure all my security operational work considers impacts on the security function/department's ability to be resilient to business continuity threats and disasters
    - o I will ensure the security functions I oversee have an up-to-date business impact analysis (BIA) on each of my functions, systems, applications, and physical and electronic infrastructure.
    - o I will ensure the security functions I oversee have up-to-date BC/DR plans that are integrated into the overall organization's BC/DR program
    - o I will ensure our security BC/DR program meets or exceeds industry (e.g. DRII) standards for planning, equipping, exercising, and testing
    - o I will ensure all security asset inventory is maintain and audited
    - o I will ensure all interdependencies the security function depend on, inside the security team, our supply chain, and the rest of the organization, are documented, testing, prioritized, and have appropriate continuity plans.

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Print Full Legal Name

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(Blue Ink) full Legal Name Signature
Style of signature must closely match Driver's License

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Date