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When a business computer system crashes, dollars in sales and production start disappearing. It is one of the top business IT risks. To mitigate this risk assess your key points of failure to ensure you have a contingency plan in place that enables your business to quickly cut over to the pre-planned alternative to ensure your computer system is still able to operate as it did before the crash. This allows the businesses to continue operating until their IT expert can find out what may have caused the crash and fix it.

We have technology now that actually backs up work you did in the last 30 seconds off site and if anything happens you can retrieve it virtually immediately. There are companies who will securely store your data and system setup via the internet so if anything happens you simply log in to the portal and retrieve lost files or have your machine rebuilt to a known good point in time. You pay for this service so in the long run its best get an IT expert to have a look at your current and future needs and work out for you the most cost efficient system now and into the future.

All backups must be complete...if you lose files or your system goes down, as well as being able to restore files you also need to be able to quickly restore all of your settings to a known good point.

A back up must be timely....how much data can you afford to lose since your last back up.

A back up should be verified. Making sure that back up has integrity which ensures you can restore your data.

If you do not backup to the cloud your back up should be stored on a medium be it a tape or CD or whatever that can be taken securely off site and follow a set schedule that gives you good coverage over a long period of time.

While it pays in the long run to get expert help to set up the ideal system for your business you are ultimately responsible for it. So it is a good idea to make an appointment perhaps once a fortnight to give your back up system a quick check to make sure it is doing what it should rather than waiting until something goes wrong.

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