



## THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE: PREPARE TO WIN IF DISASTER STRIKES

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1. **A disaster-preparedness plan should be as specific as possible regarding all the possible disaster scenarios.**
  - a. TRUE    b. FALSE
2. **How often should a disaster plan be reviewed?**
  - a. Only after a disaster
  - b. Every three years
  - c. Only after a change in personnel
  - d. At least yearly
3. **A backup generator should supply all the electrical needs for a facility in the event of a disaster**
  - a. TRUE    b. FALSE
4. **A disaster plan should include all *except***
  - a. supplies.
  - b. communications plan.
  - c. chain of command.
  - d. detailed in-depth description of each type of possible disaster.
5. **VRP stands for**
  - a. vital records loss prevention.
  - b. virtual records protection.
  - c. vital records protection.
  - d. vital recording protection.
6. **After a disaster plan is established, what is the next step in preparing?**
  - a. Practicing the plan
  - b. Coordination with other entities
  - c. Developing a hazard analysis
  - d. Determining alternate forms of communication
7. **What is needed to keep key instruments running during a power outage?**
  - a. Surge protector
  - b. Extension cord
  - c. UPS
  - d. Nothing, just keep equipment plugged in; there will be power available.
8. **Communication is an important part of a disaster plan; which type of communication may not be available?**
  - a. Landline telephones
  - b. Cell Phones
  - c. E-mail
  - d. All of the above.
9. **During a disaster, the laboratory will still need to function at what level?**
  - a. All testing should still be available.
  - b. Most, but not all, testing should be available.
  - c. Only a limited-menu should be made available.
  - d. Testing will not be available at all.
10. **Chain of command during a disaster means**
  - a. One central person makes the decisions or delegates specific responsibilities to others.
  - b. Each person in the chain makes decisions independently.
  - c. Decisions are passed along the chain until someone who can make the decision and does do.
  - d. None of the above.
11. **It is important during the planning phase to review lab-equipment requirements and decide if those needs can be met during a disaster.**
  - a. TRUE    b. FALSE
12. **Continuity of operations means what?**
  - a. The ability to keep the facility running after a disaster
  - b. The ability to keep the facility running during and after a disaster
  - c. The ability to shut down a facility and restart it after a disaster
  - d. None of the above.
13. **A vital records storage unit should be**
  - a. UL-Rated.
  - b. UL-Tested.
  - c. UL-Listed.
  - d. built to UL specifications.



**14. Which is not generally required for a vital records storage unit?**

- a. Water resistance
- b. Impact resistance
- c. Fire resistance
- d. Tornado resistance

**15. What type of records are not generally kept in a VRP unit?**

- a. Lab testing results
- b. Research data
- c. Personnel and payroll records
- d. Contracts/ agreements

**16. Coordination of a hospital disaster plan and a community mass-fatalities plan is not needed.**

- a. TRUE
- b. FALSE

**17. Vendors are a good resource when working through and after a disaster.**

- a. TRUE
- b. FALSE

**18. How often should a disaster plan be practiced?**

- a. Annually
- b. Monthly
- c. Twice a year
- d. Until everyone is skilled at its implementation

**19. Which of the following is the first step in the process of disaster preparedness?**

- a. Determine a plan for each reasonable disaster situation
- b. Practice the plan
- c. Develop an "all-hazards" checklist
- d. Assemble the material needed to carry out the plans

**20. Disasters are generally found in large urban areas. Those in smaller communities do not need to develop or practice disaster preparedness.**

- a. TRUE
- b. FALSE

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