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| A BCP is like a MOT...It's only valid on the day that it's written.  | <i>Lorna Anderson</i>  |
| A business continuity plan is like an insurance policy - nobody wants it until the house burns down.   | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| A business continuity planner is more powerful than all the king's horses and all the king's men, because with a plan in place we can put Humpty Dumpty back together again!   | <i>Doug Rezner</i>   |
| A business continuity program is needed only if you wish to survive in business.   | <i>Business Continuity Management</i>                        |
| A business disaster can be a nightmare. A solid business continuity management program can make it all just a bad dream.   | <i>Jim Christensen</i>                                       |
| A chain is as strong as it's weakest link  |  |
| A clever arrangement of bad eggs will never make a good omelette.  | <i>C S Lewis</i>   |
| A client was telling a story of a business that survived a disaster as being lucky. Luck is not by chance, luck is when preparedness and opportunity meet. Their preparedness saved the business when the opportunity of disaster came knocking on the door. | <i>Joe Travers</i>   |
| A continuity plan without realistic testing is not only useless - it is also a complete waste of money.  | <i>Herve Riou</i>  |
| A good plan violently executed today is better than a perfect plan next week.  | <i>George Patton</i>   |
| A lesser plan executed violently is better than a perfect plan that is never published.  | <i>Richard Formica,<br/>Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army</i>    |
| A Pint of Sweat will save a Gallon of Blood.   | <i>George Patton</i>   |
| A plan is always perfect until the battle begins.  | <i>Marshal Pettain, 1917<br/>Before the battle of Verdun</i> |
| A recovery plan is just like a spare tire, driving must stop to change it. Business continuity is changing the tires while driving is continuous.  | <i>Phat Leung</i>  |
| A simple way to define BCP is 3 C's i.e. Critical, Crisis and Continuity. We do Critical activities during Crisis to ensure business Continuity  | <i>Sudhir Thadani MBCI,<br/>CBRP</i>                         |
| A watched pot never boils. That is, unless the fire is on.   | <i>Gary L. Sampson</i>                                       |
| Accomplishing the impossible means only the boss will add it to your regular duties.   | <i>Doug Larson (1924<br/>Olympic gold medallist)</i>         |
| Advice to someone conducting a BIA - Be prepared to ask every question and question every answer.  | <i>Angus A. Graham</i>                                       |
| After the event, everyone has 20/20 hindsight and everything was foreseeable.  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| All things are difficult before they are easy.   | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| Always, be prepared.   | <i>Baden Powell</i>  |

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| An expert is a man who has made all the mistakes which can be made in a very narrow field.  | <i>Neils Bohr</i>   |
| An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.  | <i>Anonymous</i>  |
| An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.  | <i>Benjamin Franklin</i>  |
| An untested plan is only a strategy.  | <i>Richard Gagnon</i>   |
| Any company in crisis without a BCP plan is like a boat in stormy sea without a paddle - you might survive, but the risk of nausea and exhaustion are now guaranteed... want fries with that? | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Any company trying to compete must figure out a way to engage the mind of every employee.   | <i>Jack Welch</i>   |
| At the onset of an emergency, everyone's IQ goes immediately to '0'.  | <i>Winston Scott, Director of Florida Space Port</i>  |
| At time of disaster, no one complains about the BC budget!  | <i>Don Hill</i>   |
| Awareness, education and testing are the basic components of an effective planning.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| BC planning is no longer a project but a process.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| BCM is all about protecting this PEAR : P-People E-Environment A- Assets R- Resources   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| BCM is not a project, it is a culture!  | <i>IT director</i>  |
| BCM: a strategic imperative for corporate survival.   | <i>BCM solution</i>   |
| BCM: your customers expect it, reputation depends on it and business demands it.  | <i>BCM</i>  |
| BCP : no other consultancy looks like it or lasts like it   | <i>Duracell'</i>  |
| BCP : will keep you going for longer than Viagra.   | <i>The pub</i>  |
| BCP is continuous planning as the plan made is obsolete in the next instance.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| BCP is one of the most important responsibilities you hope to never utilize.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| BCP is the right thing to do before events cause us to have to do the right things!   | <i>Joseph Hnatko</i>  |
| BCP is to survival what BCM is to growth.   | <i>W Maree</i>  |
| Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.  | <i>Alexander Graham Bell</i>  |
| Better to have the BC Plan and not need it, than to need the plan and not have it.  | <i>A variation on a comment about personal injury policies by an Australian insurance underwriter of the 1970s.</i> |
| Better to have the business continuity plan and not need it, than to need the plan and not have it.   | <i>BCM</i>  |
| Business continuity - a process not a project.  | <i>Bob Urion</i>  |
| Business continuity - It's not a matter of IF - but WHEN.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Business continuity is a journey, not a destination.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Business continuity is like being part of a mystery. The better the detective work, the better the outcome.   | <i>Mary O'Brien</i>   |

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| Business continuity is not a project with a beginning and ending date, it is a program to be managed indefinitely.   | <i>Business Continuity Management</i>                              |
| Business Continuity is the commitment to continue our business for our shareholders, our customers, and our employees.   | <i>Sandy Kalnbach</i>  |
| Business continuity management is a business decision -to continue conducting business as usual or not.  | <i>Resilient Enterprise through Business Continuity Management</i> |
| Business continuity management is all about understanding the subject matter and applying common sense.  | <i>Business Continuity Management</i>                              |
| Business continuity planning is business survival planning.  | <i>John Glenn, MBCI</i>  |
| Business continuity planning is like trying to sell life insurance in a singles' bar.  | <i>Greig Fennell</i>   |
| Business continuity plans are like men's breasts - hopefully never going to be used for what they were originally designed for - but if they are, we are in big trouble! | <i>Colin Gordon</i>  |
| Business created to continue that is why so many good ideas don't materialise to long term business without the right people behind it                                   | <i>Ashraf Elsisy</i>   |
| business has a headache, but they just don't know it! ... and business preparedness is the pill.   | <i>Ron Folcroft</i>  |
| Cars have brakes so they can go faster.  | <i>Philip Halford</i>  |
| Chance favors the prepared mind.   | <i>Louis Pasteur</i>   |
| Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.  | <i>John F. Kennedy</i>   |
| Complexity creates confusion, simplicity focus.  | <i>Edward de Bono</i>  |
| Consultants always know that when you see the light at the end of the tunnel.....order more tunnel.  | <i>David Tickner</i>   |
| Court disaster long enough and it will accept your proposal.   | <i>Mason Cooley</i>  |
| Destiny is not a matter of chance, it's a matter of choice.  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| Dig the well before you are thirsty.   | <i>Chinese Proverb</i>   |
| Disaster recovery - It's not a project, it's a life style!   | <i>Frank Humphreys, CBCP</i>                                       |
| Disaster recovery is 'business driven' and is therefore dependent upon involving the business side of any organization.  | <i>Business Continuity Management</i>                              |
| Disaster recovery is like car insurance. Every one wants fully comprehensive insurance at 3rd party prices.  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| Do not be a fool! There are too many competitors!  | <i>Roman Braytsev</i>  |
| Don' t worry about the world ending today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.   | <i>Charles Schultz</i>   |
| Effective BCM is corporate governance in practice.   | <i>W Maree</i>   |
| Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.  | <i>Will Rogers</i>   |
| Everyone had a plan until they get hit in the face.  | <i>Mike Tyson</i>  |

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| Everything can be reduced to the 80/20 rule: 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people, 80% of the problems are caused by 20% of the people.  | <i>IT director</i>                                   |
| Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.  | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                               |
| Expect the best, plan for the worst, and prepare to be surprised.  | <i>Denis Waitley</i>                                 |
| Failing to plan is planning to fail.   | <i>Alan Lakein</i>                                   |
| Falling from a great height does not hurt. The sudden stop does.   | <i>Unknown</i>                                       |
| Fate favors the prepared.  | <i>Louis Pasteur</i>                                 |
| Fool proof plans do not take into account the ingenuity of fools.  | <i>Unknown</i>                                       |
| For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him. | <i>Saint Luke</i>                                    |
| Forget the adage about learning from your own mistakes. It's safer and more entertaining to learn from other people's mistakes!  | <i>Unknown</i>                                       |
| Forget your data, if you don't have a business continuity plan its your CV you'd better have off-site.   | <i>Ex IT Manager of ex London company</i>            |
| Full compliance will never eliminate the unexpected.   | <i>Yves L. MAQUET</i>                                |
| Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.  | <i>Elbert Hubbard, American writer and publisher</i> |
| Good enough never is.  | <i>Debbi Fields, Founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies</i>    |
| Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning.   | <i>Thomas Alva Edison</i>                            |
| Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.   | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                               |
| Handling business without a continuity plan is like cooking without a thermostat. What happens when you can't stand the heat in the kitchen?   | <i>Mary O'Brien</i>                                  |
| He who fails to plan, plans to fail.   | <i>Proverb</i>                                       |
| He who laughs last - probably had an offsite backup !  | <i>Unknown</i>                                       |
| He will win who prepares himself.  | <i>Tu Mu (The Art of War) 500 BC</i>                 |
| Hope is not a plan!  | <i>Sue Kerr</i>                                      |
| How will you ACT if the unexpected occurs today ? That's your ACTUAL BCP !   | <i>Yves L. MAQUET</i>                                |
| However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.   | <i>Winston Churchill</i>                             |

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| I always tried to turn every disaster into an opportunity.   | <i>John D. Rockefeller<br/>(1839 - 1937)</i>        |
| I have found that in battle, plans are useless, planning however is indispensable.   | <i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i>                         |
| I have never been in any accident of any sort worth speaking about. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked, nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort.             | <i>Captain Edward John Smith of the Titanic</i>     |
| I think that God in creating man somewhat over estimated his ability.  | <i>Oscar Wilde</i>                                  |
| I was Chairman for two days. I had an airplane with my engines, hit a building I insured, covered by a network I owned and I still have to increase earnings by 11per cent.  | <i>Jeffrey Immelf, CEO<br/>General Electric</i>     |
| I was told as a child that I could never change the world, but I never wanted to change the world, I wanted to inspire the world to change itself.   | <i>Daniel Wayne McKay (in<br/>Memory 1984-2006)</i> |
| I will prepare and someday my chance will come.  | <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>                              |
| If a builder builds a house and does not make its construction firm and it collapses and causes the death of the owner of the house, that builder shall be put to death.   | <i>Code of Hammurabi<br/>1792-1750 BCE</i>          |
| If a business isn't changing, it's dying.  | <i>Sir John Harvey-Jones</i>                        |
| If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.  | <i>G.K. Chesterton</i>                              |
| If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.  | <i>George Patton</i>                                |
| If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough.   | <i>Mario Andretti</i>                               |
| If it ain't broke don't fix it.  | <i>Bert Lance</i>                                   |
| If it can go wrong, it will.   | <i>Unknown</i>                                      |
| If it's stupid, but it works - it isn't stupid.  | <i>Murphy's Laws of<br/>Combat</i>                  |
| If my job is to protect the best interests of our shareholders and I don't have a business continuity plan, then I'm officially planning to not continue business. How is that doing my job?                       | <i>Any director without a<br/>BCP</i>               |
| If no one knows of your plan, you have no plan.  | <i>Sandy Kalnbach</i>                               |
| If there's too much uncertainty, do not proceed (would you cross a busy road if you weren't sure whether or not a bus was about to run you down?)  | <i>Mel Gosling</i>                                  |
| if you can't look after your customers, it's certain that your competitors will.   | <i>Unknown</i>                                      |
| If you can't specify what you intend to achieve or produce, how can you produce it?  | <i>Mel Gosling</i>                                  |
| If you can't summarise your project simply, such that it can be explained to a stranger in the time it takes to go from one floor to the next in a lift (an Elevator Statement), then you shouldn't even start it. | <i>Unknown</i>                                      |

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| If you could guess forthcoming evil, most times it wouldn't come.  | <i>Spanish proverb</i>                                       |
| If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there.  | <i>George Harrison</i>                                       |
| If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less.  | <i>General Eric Shinseki,<br/>Chief of Staff, U. S. Army</i> |
| If you fail to plan you plan to fail.  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| If you focus on fixing problems, you won't have to focus on fixing blame!  | <i>Harley Lemons</i>   |
| If your plan is errorless, then it's useless.  | <i>Mehmood Lodhi</i>   |
| If your program don't work, you don't work.  | <i>Nicolas Nieto</i>   |
| I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.  | <i>Thomas Jefferson</i>                                      |
| Imagination is more important than knowledge.  | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                                       |
| In a crisis you will not rise to your (stakeholders) expectations, but fall to your level of preparedness - how prepared are you?  | <i>Wayne Harrop</i>  |
| In Germany we are not allowed to have a disaster.  | <i>Student at a BC<br/>workshop</i>                          |
| In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.   | <i>Dwight D Eisenhower</i>                                   |
| In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.  | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                                       |
| In this world the only thing constant is the word 'CONSTANT' everything else is changing regularly.  | <i>Mehmood Lodhi</i>   |
| Insurance is a good thing, for it allows you to gather together after a disaster and say We should have been better prepared.  | <i>Stef Johnson</i>  |
| Insurance pays for the issue after the fact, BCP protects before the fact.   | <i>Business Continuity</i>                                   |
| Intelligence and a high level of education are sometimes a barrier to common sense.  | <i>Jonathan Bernstein</i>                                    |
| It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.   | <i>Mark Twain</i>  |
| It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to fit facts.  | <i>Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</i>                                |
| It is better to have and not need, than to need and not have.  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| It is blindingly obvious that no organisation can claim immunity from disruption or failure - attempting to do so without adequate preparations is about as credible as putting a chocolate fireguard in front of the fire. When the heat comes, your heading for organisational meltdown. | <i>Wayne Harrop</i>  |
| It is not the strongest, nor the most intelligent that will survive, but those most responsive to change.  | <i>Charles Darwin in<br/>Resilience quest 2006</i>           |
| It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow.  | <i>Aesop</i>   |

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| It pays to plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.  | <i>Anonymous</i>   |
| It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.<br>It would take a number of miracles to thwart such a rational scenario (as the need for a BCP). Now, a single miracle is always a possibility, but a series of simultaneous miracles is not --- for there are limits even to God Almighty's mercifulness. | <i>Howard Ruff</i><br><i>Samsam Bakhtiari (co-opted and adapted however - originally used in reference to the decline of oil production)</i> |
| It's 'BC-P' not 'BC-Do' for a reason - by the time a crisis occurs we've missed the window of opportunity.   | <i>Mark Newsome</i>  |
| It's difficult to make predictions - especially about the future.<br>It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.   | <i>Yogi Berra</i><br><i>Vince Lombardi</i>   |
| It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter.<br>It's too late for plannin' when you're getting' hit.<br>Just because the river is quiet does not mean the crocodiles have left.   | <i>Marlene Dietrich</i><br><i>Mohammed Ali</i><br><i>Malay proverb</i>   |
| Just when you think that you have built a fool proof plan, someone builds a better fool.   | <i>Adapted from unknown source.</i>  |
| Lack of a business continuity plan is like playing poker by relying on the bluff - sooner or later you lose the whole pot. Play chess instead. You may lose a few pieces along the way, but if your strategic plan is good, you will still win the game.   | <i>Grant Tolley</i>  |
| Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part!  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| Lack of, or poor, communication is one of the most common causes of project failure. Remember, if you don't communicate - someone else will.   | <i>Mel Gosling</i>   |
| Learn avidly. Question repeatedly what you have learned. Analyze it carefully. Then put what you have learned into practice intelligently.   | <i>Edward Cocker</i>   |
| Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning  | <i>Winston Churchill</i>   |
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| Let's have a Kate Moss moment here...any executive passing on the opportunity to build a solid BCP plan for their company should consider getting help.  | <i>Unknown</i>   |
| Life is not about how high you climb or how fast you run but how well you bounce!  | <i>Anonymous</i>   |
| Make business continuity 'business as usual' and imbed it into your management routines as decisions are made, instead of an afterthought check off the box exercise later.  | <i>Bobbie Garrett</i>  |

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| Making the simple complicated is commonplace, making the complicated simple; that's creative.  | <i>Charles Mingus</i>                                 |
| Many practitioners are led to faulty ideas about business continuity management by knowing too much about too little.  | <i>George Patton: adapted by Ian Clark</i>            |
| My father, when I was very young, used to say to me, 'If you are ever in an emergency, if you are ever in a fire and everybody gets very excited, very emotional, then you become the calmest person in the room.' | <i>Rudy Guiliani</i>                                  |
| Next week there can't be any crisis. My schedule is already full.  | <i>Henry Kissinger</i>                                |
| No battle plan ever survives contact with the enemy.   | <i>Field Marshall Helmuth Carl Bernard von Moltke</i> |
| No excuse not to be prepared - when you are prepared you have the confidence to execute.   | <i>Jack Nicolas</i>                                   |
| No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair.  | <i>George Patton</i>                                  |
| No plan survives contact with the enemy.   | <i>Field Marshal Helmuth Von Moltke 1800-1891</i>     |
| No, try not. Do or do not. There is no try.  | <i>Yoda "The Empire Strikes Back"</i>                 |
| Noah started building the ark BEFORE it began to rain.   | <i>Norman R. Augustine</i>                            |
| Noah, failing to get C-level sponsorship for developing the original mobile recovery platform may have left us all with gills and fins.  | <i>Rick Bozada</i>                                    |
| Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.  | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                                |
| Nothing is impossible to those who don't have to do it themselves.   | <i>Ian Clark</i>                                      |
| On having a BCP: It is better to have it and not need it rather than need it and not have it.  | <i>My brother</i>                                     |
| One cannot leap a chasm in two jumps.  | <i>Winston Churchill</i>                              |
| Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.   | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                                |
| People don't plan to fail they fail to plan.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| People only accept change if needs must and only see needs when in crisis.   | <i>Jean Monet</i>                                     |
| People who live in glass houses shouldn't vacuum naked.  | <i>Mark Brunner</i>                                   |
| Plan ahead: It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark!   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Plan for the worst and hope for the best.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Plan for what is difficult.  | <i>Sun Tzu</i>  |
| Plan is nothing, planning is everything!   | <i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i>                           |
| Plan now: it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark!   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Plan or keep your fingers crossed.   | <i>Anil Aurora</i>                                    |
| Plan the 'Perfect Disaster' and hope it never happens.   | <i>J. Pearce</i>                                      |
| Planning for the known is easy. The hard part is planning for the unknown, which is what usually occurs.   | <i>Michael Kuras</i>                                  |

Planning is an unnatural process. It is much more fun to do something else. The nicest thing about not planning is that failure comes as a complete surprise rather than preceded by a period of worry and depression. Failure to plan is planning to fail.

*Sir John Harvey Jones*

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Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.

*Alan Lakein*

Planning is easy - it's doing the work that's difficult.

*Mel Gosling*

Plans are nothing, planning is everything.

*Dwight D Eisenhower*

Plans are nothing, planning is everything. -or- Plans are useless, planning is indispensable.

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.

*Peter Drucker*

Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine.

*Anonymous*

Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future.

*Neils Bohr*

Progress is impossible without change; and those who can't change their mind cannot change anything!

*Unknown*

Putting business continuity in place is 95% inspiration and 5% perspiration. Not having business continuity can result in a reversal of the formula.

*Ian Clark*

Q. Do we really need a BCP? A. Your choice, but I will leave it to you to explain to the shareholders why you don't in the event of it ever being needed.

*Paul Heward*

Q. How much does BCP cost? A. A lot less than not having one!

*Paul Heward*

Qui non est hodie cras minus aptus erit. He who is not prepared today will be less so tomorrow.

*Ovid*

QUONIAM STERCUS ACCIDIT (Latin)

*Crisis Manager  
University'*

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

*Confucius*

Recovery, while difficult, is greatly preferable to the alternative.

*Stef Johnson*

Remember that it only takes one hurricane in your neighborhood to make it a bad season.

*Conrad C. Lautenbacher  
Jr., Administrator NOAA*

Resilience is nothing but attitude and action.

*BCP*

Running a business without a crisis management plan is like running with scissors.

*Pamela Baggett-Wallis*

Security is excessive until its not enough.

*Unknown*

Ships that drift tend to run aground - so do projects.

*Mel Gosling*

Shrewd is the one that has seen the calamity and proceeds to conceal himself, but the inexperienced have passed along and must suffer the penalty.

*The Bible - Proverbs  
22:3*

Sometimes it does us a power of good to remind ourselves that we live on two volcanic rocks where two tectonic plates meet, in a somewhat lonely stretch of windswept ocean just above the Roaring Forties. If you want drama - you've come to the right place.

*Sir Geoffrey Palmer (NZ  
Prime Minister August  
1989 to September  
1990)*

Storms make oaks take deeper root.

*George Hebert*

Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.

*Sir Winston Churchill*

Takeoffs are optional.... Landings are mandatory...

*Unknown*

Technology is dominated by two types of people: those who understand what they do not manage, and those who manage what they do not understand.

*Putt's Law*

That is not to say that we can relax our readiness to defend ourselves. Our armament must be adequate to the needs, but our faith is not primarily in these machines of defense but in ourselves.

*Chester Nimitz*

That which is not impossible is inevitable - it's simply a matter of when.

*Clive Perkins*

The aim of operational risk management (incl. BCM) is not to make the boat go faster but to prevent the mast from breaking.

*Paul Norris (?)*

The art of business continuity teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of the disaster not coming, but on our own readiness to receive it; not on the chance of it not happening, but rather on the fact that we have made our position unassailable.

*John Stagl - adaptation  
of Sun-tzu quote*

The BC plan is like a cloth and bottle of disinfectant. No matter what mess hits the fan, the plan should be able to deal with it!!!

*Unknown*

The BCM P4 solution: Prevention and Preparedness Preserve Profits

*Raymond G. Trombley*

The best laid schemes of Mice and Men oft go awry, And leave us nothing but grief and pain, For promised joy!

*Robert Burns, To a  
Mouse (Poem,  
November, 1785)*

The business will always think you are doing too much on BCP until such time as they need it. Then they will think that you have not done enough.

*Unknown*

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger - but recognize the opportunity.

*John F Kennedy*

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| The clever man is one who face disappointment times with the plan.  | <i>Imam Ali Ibn abe talib</i>   |
| The difficult we do at once - the impossible takes a bit longer   | <i>US Navy SeaBees</i>  |
| The effectiveness of response is in inverse proportion to the amount of paper used in preparing the plan.   | <i>Ben Thomas</i>   |
| The Founder of Recovery Planning was Noah, but he had good connections and prior warning... We do not!  | <i>Melvyn Musson</i>  |
| The future ain't what it used to be....   | <i>Yogi Berra</i>   |
| The future depends on what we do in the present.  | <i>Mahatma Gandhi</i>   |
| The 'goal posts' will be moved.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| The longer the project, the more likely it is that things will change, and the more you will need to re-work.   | <i>Mel Gosling</i>  |
| The mind is like a parachute, it works best when opened.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| The more I plan, the less busy I seem.  | <i>Mike Pearce</i>  |
| The more I practice, the luckier I get!   | <i>Gary Player</i>  |
| The most serious failure of leadership is the failure to foresee.   | <i>Robert Greenleaf</i>   |
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| The only thing harder than planning for an emergency is explaining why you didn't.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| The problem is always in the execution, not the idea.   | <i>Napoleon Bonaparte</i>   |
| The problem with making a plan fool proof is that we often underestimate the ingenuity of fools.  | <i>Mark Twain</i>   |
| The questions are the answers   | <i>Daniel Wayne McKay (in Memory 1984-2006)</i>   |
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| The risk is not complexity, it's over processing the simplicity.  | <i>David Tickner,<br/>Consulting services<br/>manager, Strohl<br/>Systems Australia Pty<br/>Ltd</i> |
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| The road to business continuity hell is not paved with good intentions, it is paved with faulty assumptions.  | <i>Richard Marcinko<br/>(modified by AnneMarie<br/>Staley)</i>                                      |
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| The road to hell is paved with good intentions.   | <i>Samuel Johnson</i>   |
| The telephone company is urging people to *please* not use the telephone unless it is absolutely necessary in order to keep the lines open for emergency personnel. We'll be right back after this break to give away a pair of Phil Collins tickets to caller number 95. | <i>Los Angeles disc jockey,<br/>right after the February<br/>1990 earthquake</i>                    |
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| The tendency of an event to occur varies inversely with one's preparation for it.   | <i>David Searles</i>  |
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| The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining...   | <i>John F Kennedy</i>   |
| The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.  | <i>Babe Ruth</i>  |

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| The weather forecast is rarely wrong. It's the weather that gets it wrong.   | <i>BBC News Presenter</i>                         |
| There are risks and costs to a programme of action...but they are far less than the long ranging costs of comfortable inaction.                                      | <i>John F Kennedy</i>                             |
| There is light at the end of a tunnel and a tunnel at the end of all lights. Walk through the tunnel to find light and walkthrough the light to find another tunnel. | <i>Unknown</i>                                    |
| There is usually an easy answer to every problem... and it's wrong.  | <i>Anonymous (possibly Noel Coward)</i>           |
| There's no Plan B without a Plan A !   | <i>Military axiom</i>                             |
| There's no such thing as a disaster; only different levels of crisis.  | <i>Ben Thomas</i>                                 |
| There's nothing new under the sun  | <i>The Bible - Ecclesiastes 1:9</i>               |
| Things should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.   | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                            |
| Think ahead. Don't let day-to-day operations drive out planning.   | <i>Donald Rumsfeld</i>                            |
| Think and plan for the un-thinkable...   | <i>Bruno Evenepoel</i>                            |
| This is where the rubber meets the sky...  | <i>Gerald Varney</i>                              |
| Three rules of BC planning: 1) Don't mess up Production 2) Don't do anything Stupid 3) When in doubt, see rules 1 and 2.   | <i>Steve Pyke</i>                                 |
| Time is money and money is never enough.   | <i>Roman Braytsev</i>                             |
| To be or not to be (anymore), that is the (BCP) question ...   | <i>Quinet Gregory with the Help of William S.</i> |
| To be sure of hitting the target - shoot first - what you hit - call it the target.  | <i>Ian Clark</i>                                  |
| To build up a BCP is never an urgent task, but when you need it, ... it is too late.   | <i>Juan Gaspar</i>                                |
| To make something simple one needs to know an awful lot about it.  | <i>Unknown</i>                                    |
| Trust all things but verify everything.  | <i>Anil Aurora</i>                                |
| Untutored courage is useless in the face of educated bullets.  | <i>George Patton</i>                              |
| Victorious warriors win first then go to war while defeated warriors go to war first then strive to win.   | <i>Sun Tzu</i>                                    |
| We are the Gloom and Doom Team, we bring strength, progress, and hope to your disaster!  | <i>Darcy McLane</i>                               |
| We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.   | <i>Albert Einstein</i>                            |
| We don't have a plan, so nothing can go wrong.   | <i>Spike Milligan.</i>                            |
| We had everything that could possibly go wrong covered except for that. Who would have believed it.  | <i>Stressed manager</i>                           |
| We live in the midst of alarms, anxiety beclouds the future; we expect some new disaster with each newspaper we read.  | <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>                            |

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| We need a smaller command team, not a bigger room.<br>We planned for every conceivable disaster, power cut, explosion and act of God we just didn't plan for human interference and stupidity.  | <i>Mike Pearce<br/>Stressed manager</i>   |
| We stand on an island of finite knowledge in an ocean of uncertainty.   | <i>Thomas Huxley - Royal Society</i>  |
| What do business continuity professionals do? We are the what if, and how to people.  | <i>Wyndell C. Watkins</i>   |
| What goes up slowly, comes down fast.   | <i>Michael Baume</i>  |
| What is important? Cause or consequence?  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| What we anticipate seldom occurs: but what we least expect generally happens.   | <i>Benjamin Disraeli</i>  |
| What we know is finite. what we don't know is infinite.   | <i>Thomas Huxley - Royal Society</i>  |
| What, me worry?   | <i>Alfred E. Newman - MAD Magazine</i>  |
| When a management with a reputation for brilliance tackles a business with a reputation for bad economics, it is the reputation of the business that remains intact.  | <i>Warren Buffet</i>  |
| When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experience in nearly forty years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog and the like. But in all my experience, I have never been in any accident... or of any sort worth speaking about. I have seen but one vessel in distress in all my years at sea. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort. | <i>E. J. Smith, 1907,<br/>Captain, RMS Titanic</i>  |
| When disaster strikes recovery is not enough!!  | <i>Why BCP &amp; not only DR</i>  |
| When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people.  | <i>Chinese proverb</i>  |
| When written in Chinese the word crisis is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity.  | <i>John F Kennedy</i>   |
| When you hear the thunder, it's too late to build the ARK.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| While no plan can guarantee success, inadequate plans are proven contributors to failure.   | <i>US Department of Homeland Security<br/>Nationwide Plan Review<br/>Phase 2 Report June 16, 2006</i> |
| Without a fully prepared plan, you are like a duck with one leg. You'll go round in circles until eventually you create a whirlpool and sink.   | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| Without BCP, you are failing to protect your successes.   | <i>Allen Lee</i>  |

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| Worry a bit now or worry a lot later.   | <i>Jay N. Rosenblatt</i>                                      |
| You can never plan the future by the past.  | <i>Edmund Bourke</i>  |
| You can predict when disaster will strike - when it happens, its always NOW.  | <i>Ivan Brownrigg</i>   |
| You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.   | <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>  |
| You can't beat bad luck but planning gives you a fighting chance.   | <i>Carl Bradbury</i>  |
| You can't prepare for everything - but you can prepare for anything.  | <i>Paul Youngjohns -<br/>(involved in Lockerbie recovery)</i> |
| You can't solve a problem by applying the same thinking that got you there in the first place.  | <i>Albert Einstein</i>  |
| You don't know what you got 'til it's gone.   | <i>Mick Jagger, The Rolling Stones</i>                        |
| You don't need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.  | <i>Unknown</i>  |
| You may have the best BC plans in the world but, if you don't test them... they may be useless.   | <i>Mark Poulton</i>   |
| You need to be lucky all the time - we need to be lucky only once.  | <i>Gerry Adams - Sinn Fein</i>                                |
| You put yourself in the fire during your time here, so that when you leave, nothing else can burn you. (Translated from yoga class to exercising your plans). | <i>Bikram Yoga Instructor</i>                                 |
| You will be more successful when you plan for what people will do, not what you want them to do.  | <i>Dennis Compton</i>   |