

# Issaquah Businesses: It Pay\$ to Prepare Plan Now for Flu, Floods

The statistics are staggering: At least one in four businesses never reopens after a disaster. What would happen if:

- [H1N1 flu](#) hits your businesses and 30 percent of your staff is sick at the same time?
- Your most essential staff or suppliers are located in the [lower Green River Valley](#) – where there is now a heightened risk of flooding – and key transportation routes are disrupted?
- We have another year of [record snow](#), and both customers and employees seem to disappear?
- Your building [floods here in Issaquah](#), and clean up takes longer than expected?

Now is the time to get prepared! The Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Issaquah's Emergency Management Office, is here to help. Creating your own business continuity plan can be quick and easy, thanks to these resources:

- [Start Simple: Quick 7-page Plan Template](#)
- [Online Training: "Open for Business" Series](#)
- [H1N1 Flu Resources: Posters, sample e-mails and Q&As](#)

Ready to learn more? The Issaquah Chamber is also launching a mentorship/training program on business continuity. If you'd like to be partnered with a mentor business, which already has its own continuity plan or a trained business continuity resource, contact the Chamber at 425-392-7024.

