

Search: [Go](#)

Supply Chain



[The Catlin Story](#) ▾

[Offerings & Expertise](#) ▾

[Knowledge Centre](#) ▾

[Claims](#) ▾

[Our Experts](#) ▾

[Home](#)



[Home](#) > [Knowledge Centre](#) > [C-Risk Management](#) > [Supply Chain](#) > Article



Interruption Strategy

What is an Interruption Strategy?

An interruption strategy, also referred to as business continuity planning, is a process that identifies potential threats to an organization, that, if realized, ensures the continuation of its business at all times.

What can go wrong in a Supply Chain?

Exposure to interruption is common to all businesses. Many interruptions are out of our hands, but understanding where your company's specific gaps and vulnerabilities are can help you be prepared for almost any scenario imaginable. Ongoing or unexpected threats to your supply chain can include:

- IT/telecommunications failure or breach
- Environmental incidents, from droughts to floods
- Extreme weather or natural disasters
- Loss of people
- Loss of key skills
- Workers' strike
- Pandemic
- Threat of terrorism or terrorist damage
- Fire
- Product tampering
- Negative publicity
- Product recall
- Rising fuel prices/fuel shortages

C-Risk Management ▾

[Business Continuity](#)

[Human Capital](#)

[Competition](#)

[Supply Chain](#)

[Archived News](#)

[Presentations](#)

[Events](#)

[Fun Corner](#)

Closing of borders

Bankruptcy of supplier

A Few Steps You Can Take

Awareness that your supply chain is susceptible to risk is only the first step to creating your interruption strategy.

Prepare a dual sourcing strategy in event of problems with overseas supplier

Develop suitable relaxed product substitution rules for continued flow of product

Work with your suppliers to help them improve their interruption strategy and become actively involved in preparedness planning which directly involves your company

Educate your organization on your company's critical suppliers and the potential impact of a supply chain failure for quick and effective resolution

Define roles and responsibilities in the event of an emergency situation

Important to Remember

An interruption strategy is only useful to your business if it's relevant - make sure that once you've created your strategy that it changes to reflect any changes to your company or suppliers - your needs now may not be the same as those a year from now or 5 years from now, and so on.

Creating an interruption strategy is a complex undertaking with many factors to consider. To ensure all bases are covered we recommend you consult an expert who understands the depth involved in creating an interruption strategy specifically for your company.

[back to top](#)

