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**Protect Your
Business
Investment!**

**Do You Have
Battery Backups
In Place?**

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Keeping Your Computer & Telephone Systems Safe from Summer Storm Damage

Is your business ready to weather the summer storms and the added strain of brownouts, blackouts, surges, and sags?

The hot summer months, with increased power consumption, force utility companies into a 7x24 juggling act. When left unchecked, these utility power fluctuations can really wreak havoc on your PCs and telephones, as well as any other sensitive electronic devices in your office.

There are some simple strategies you can follow this summer to dramatically reduce your risk of summer storm damage.

1. Make sure every piece of sensitive electronic equipment in your office has some type of surge suppression.
2. Don't overlook your data lines.
3. Install battery backup units on computers, phone systems, and peripheral devices.
4. Test your battery backup unit and monitor the log files.
5. Don't piggyback your surge protectors or battery backup units to each other.
6. Watch out for the Site Wiring Fault light.
7. Check your interface and software compatibility, before you buy.

If you have ever experienced a server or PC "crash", or lost power suddenly with a half-dozen applications running and hours of not-yet-saved data, you understand why a UPS is mandatory for any office with valuable information on their PC's hard drives.

Test regularly and test often. Most battery backup units, especially the ones meant for servers, include some type of serial or USB interface that connects your UPS (uninterrupted power source) unit to your PC. This interface is what allows for advanced functions such as unattended shutdowns of your computer during extended blackouts. Schedule self-testing of your equipment as well as logging the time, date, duration and magnitude of a power fluctuation.

Make it a point to do a "pull the plug" test a few times a year. This involves literally, pulling the plug from your UPS out of your electrical socket, watching your watch, and making sure your UPS operates like you think it is "supposed to" during a blackout.

And finally, if you are not sure you have adequate power protection, or you do not know how to test your backup systems, give DOSS Business Systems a call. We will be happy to come out for a free evaluation and show you how to test your equipment.

Note: Condensed from an article by Joshua Feinberg.

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