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The Ready Business Program  
Systems: Preparing for Resiliency

Utilities, air conditioning, electrical, communications, water, and sewer. Which systems are most at risk in your area if a natural disaster hits? Once you know, you can start planning.

John:  
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Bryan:  
There are facilities that are going to be prone to earthquakes in earthquake areas, then you can actually put seismic resistant connections in that will actually brace those sorts of systems so that in an event, they're not going to come apart, right? Because if you're going to have fire sprinklers, earthquakes many many times have lead to fires, so you need those sprinklers in place.

John:  
Systems located on the roof may be vulnerable to high winds and systems located on the ground may need to be retrofitted to ensure continuous operation following a flood. In most cases, you will need to consult a professional to determine the retrofit options available Including your local emergency manager in these preparations provides another level of confidence your company is on the right path to preparedness. To download a copy of the Ready Business Program Toolkit, or in order to get additional information on organizing a workshop in your area, visit [FLASH.org](http://FLASH.org) or [www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business)