

Cloud-Based Disaster Recovery Roadmap



For mid-market organizations, implementing cloud-based disaster recovery can feel daunting without a clear roadmap. Breaking the process into manageable phases ensures both business continuity and cost efficiency while minimizing disruption.

STEP ONE: Assessment and Planning

Conduct a business impact analysis to:

1	Identify critical business functions	7	Create a prioritization matrix
2	Map applications and data to those functions	8	Document and report findings
3	Conduct an impact assessment	9	Review and validate with stakeholders
4	Evaluate infrastructure vulnerabilities	10	Implement and test initial assumptions
5	Establish RTO & RPO	11	Maintain and update regularly
6	Apply severity classifications (Tier 0-3)		

STEP TWO: Solution Selection Criteria

Scrutinize data protection solutions to evaluate:

	Recovery speed capabilities		Self-service portal capabilities
	Data residency options (compliance)		SLA guarantees w/ non-compliance penalties
	Pricing model transparency		Compliance certification (HIPAA, SOC 2, etc.)
	Integration with existing backup solutions		Vendor track record and references

STEP THREE: Implementation Best Practices

Adopt a phased implementation approach:

1	Protect Tier 0-1 systems (mission critical) within 30 days
2	Extend coverage to Tier 2 systems within 60 days
3	Complete protection for Tier 3 systems within 90 days