Recommendations to Close the Gap

Make the shift from risk prevention to resilience management.

It's not surprising that for organizations and agencies, keeping employees safe is a top priority for their resilience programs. A resounding majority of executives (90 percent) and federal leaders (96 percent) believe a proactive approach to threat mitigation is important or extremely important.

Organizational and agency leaders understand the importance of overcoming the lack of adequate technology and training to create the comprehensive and effective mitigation plans required to close the preparedness gap.

90%
executives

100%
federal leaders

89%
state and local leaders

plan to invest in technology for physical threat mitigation in 2024

5 Tips
to Shift Focus to Resilience Management

Follow these tips to move away from a prevention-only approach to threat mitigation to one that focuses on rapid discovery and recovery from risk.

1 Evaluate your current resilience program.
Becoming more proactive may require a different combination of people, processes or technology.

2 Identify your gaps.
Take a hard look at the results of your evaluation and take note of the biggest barriers to being proactive.

3 Harness the value of data.
Understanding the prevalence, location and trends of what's happened in the past can help you plan for the future. Use historical data to plan and prepare for physical threats and the unanticipated outcomes.

4 Invest in technology that enables you to be proactive and detect threats early.
AI-powered risk intelligence delivers fast, accurate, relevant information so you can identify threats faster and make proactive decisions.

5 Build the right framework to accelerate discovery so you can accelerate recovery.
This will allow you to control what you can and reduce your time to respond/time to resolve. (See Figure 1)
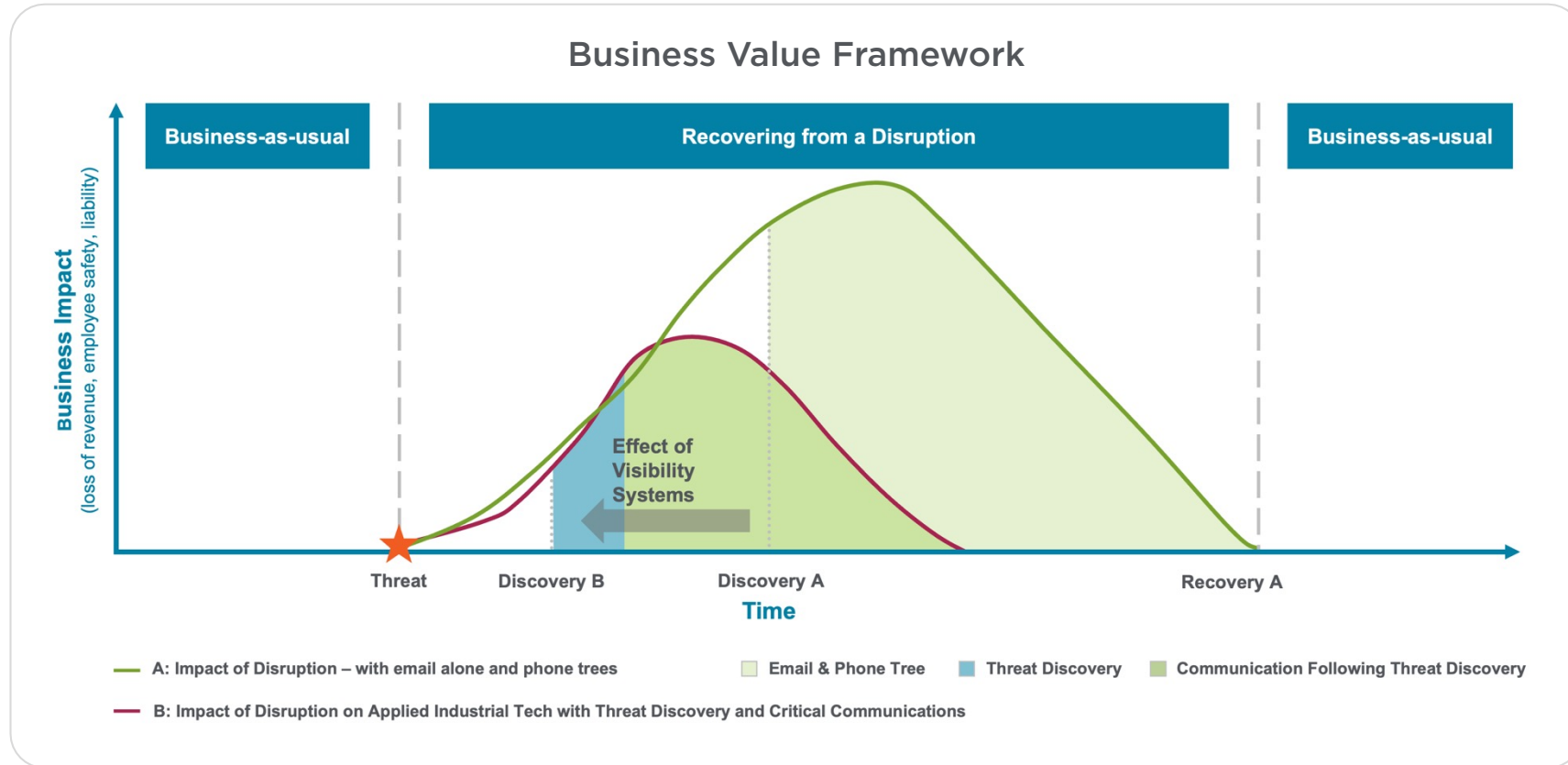
Accelerate Discovery to Accelerate Recovery

Figure 1. This framework for accelerating threat discovery demonstrates the power of technology to shorten the time between a threat taking place and recovery (represented by the curve). The green line represents the typical curve from threat discovery (Discovery A) to recovering from the disruption (Recovery A).
The red line demonstrates that by identifying the threat sooner (Discovery B), an organization can shorten the curve (Recovery B) and recover faster from the disruption.

It's Time to Shift to Resilience Management

The risk landscape is dynamic and harder to manage as critical events increase in frequency and create new threats and risks that cascade throughout organizations and communities in unanticipated ways. Ninety-nine percent of executives and 100 percent of federal, state and local leaders said they experienced a physical threat in the last 24 months.

A mitigation strategy focused solely on risk prevention is not enough in this new reality. A preparedness gap exists. Most organizations and agencies surveyed indicated they don't have mitigation plans for all the threats they're encountering. Many organizations and agencies cite a lack of technology and training as major obstacles to improving resilience management.

Risk and resilience professionals need to take a proactive and broader approach by shifting from risk prevention to resilience management. This report emphasizes the importance of accelerated discovery of threats to accelerate recovery from risk events. Technology is essential for parsing through vast amounts of information and implementing communications and response systems that are smarter, faster and more efficient.

Fortunately, plans to invest in technology for physical threat mitigation are on the agenda for most executives and government leaders we surveyed. With the proper shift in mindset and the right technology in place, organizations and government agencies can successfully make the shift from risk prevention to achieve resilience management.