RISK MATRIX

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SEVERE WEATHER RISKS

10 severe weather risks affecting businesses' property and more.

CORPORATE AND D&O CONCERNS •

A family recently filed a \$100 million wrongful

death lawsuit related to Texas' recent storms and power grid failure. Leaders for all businesses — even those with historically low exposure —



should prepare for the unexpected or potentially face the legal consequences of inaction.

LIABILITY BEFORE THE STORM •

2020 marked the sixth consecutive year with at least 10 separate billion-dollar weather disasters, according to the NOAA. With the link between weather and climate change becoming harder to ignore, companies seen as contributing to climate change damages could face related lawsuits.



POLLUTANT CLEAN-UP •

Whether due to oil or produced water released from damaged storage tanks caused by lightning strike or other severe weather events, pollutant cleanup can lead to costly environmental claims.

FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS, LEGIONNAIRES AND OTHER HEALTH RISKS •

Severe weather can lead to flooding and power outages— and environments where mold and bacteria can thrive. Without the right safeguards in place, a business could

be liable for claims related to food-borne illness, Legionnaires' disease or other health risks.

PRODUCT LIABILITY •

During storms, consumers may rely on generators, water filtration systems and space heaters.



If this equipment fails or causes injuries or property damage, manufacturers could face product liability claims.

HIGH IMPACT

BUSINESS CONTINUITY •

Natural catastrophes can create disruption throughout a supply chain and keep businesses out of operation for weeks, resulting in **significant** losses in revenue and resources.

CLOSED

HIGH FREQUENCY

CONSTRUCTION **DELAYS AND DEFECTS** •

Project delays, damaged building materials and repairs to work-in-place due to severe weather can result in builder's risk and construction defect claims.

FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE •

The public's health and safety as well as



the economy depend on functioning infrastructure, from telecommunication networks and power grids to water supply systems and transportation.

Extreme temperatures, flooding and other weather could disrupt these networks and have severe consequences.

WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS .



From slips and falls involving ice, sleet or snow to illnesses from heat exposure, employee injuries caused by severe weather contribute to more than **\$59 billion** in workers' compensation claims costs every year.

AUTO REPAIR COSTS •



Fleets are becoming technological hubs on wheels, with various sensors, cameras and monitors the norm in monitoring vehicle safety. But increased tech means higher **repair costs** in the event a vehicle is damaged in a storm.

LOW IMPACT