



## Building a Scenario

1. Choose the type (or types) of plan(s) –
  - a. ♥ Response (Incident Management)
  - b. ♣ Resumption (Process Recovery)
  - c. ♠ Relocation (Workgroup Recovery)
  - d. ♦ Recovery (Systems Recovery)
2. Set aside the suit (or suits) matching the selected plan type(s).
3. Determine the day of the week by rolling a six-sided die.
  - a. **1** Monday
  - b. **2** Tuesday
  - c. **3** Wednesday
  - d. **4** Thursday
  - e. **5** Friday
  - f. **6** Weekend (Roll again)
    - i. **1, 3, or 5** Saturday
    - ii. **2, 4, or 6** Sunday
4. Determine the time of day by rolling a set of four dice.
 

(a 20-sided, a 4-sided, a 6-sided, and a 10 sided)



Add the 20-sided and the 4-sided to determine the hour; then combine the 6-sided and the 10-sided to determine the minutes (For example **8 & 1**, combined with the **4 & 5** = **9:45 AM**; **12 & 4**, combined with a **6 & 7** = **4:07 PM**)

5. Determine the current weather by rolling a 6-sided die three times –

**a. Sky –**

1. **1** or **2** – Clear
2. **3** or **4** – Cloudy
3. **5** or **6** – Precipitation

**b. Wind –**

1. **1** or **2** – No Wind
2. **3** or **4** – Light Winds
3. **5** or **6** – High Winds

**c. Temperature –**

1. **1** or **2** – Low Temp
2. **3** or **4** – Medium Temp
3. **5** or **6** – High Temp

6. From the **RED** Event Deck, choose an event card at random from the (1<sup>st</sup>) plan type that you are exercising.

**NOTE:** If the exercise scope involves multiple plan types, select from each suit the card (2 – Ace) matching the card drawn at random (For example, if the scope of the exercise included one or more response plans and one or more relocation plans, select a card at random from the **RED** Event Deck suit of ♥ Hearts, then the matching card from the RED Event Deck suit of ♠ Spades).

7. Roll a 4-sided die for each plan type included in the exercise to determine the number of event variables selected from the **BLUE** Event Variable Deck. If the roll is a 4, select a variable at random from each of the 4 timeframes at the appropriate time in the exercise. If the roll is a 1, 2, or 3, roll the die again, as many times as the number 1<sup>st</sup> rolled, to determine the timeframe for each variable.

1. **1** Circumstance (Instant)
2. **2** Near-term Development (24-48 hours)
3. **3** Mid-term Development (72-144 hours)
4. **4** Happenstance (Random, but last)

**NOTE:** Event variables are selected from the **BLUE** Event Variable Deck, matching the suit (or suits) from the **RED** Event Deck. Each suit is divided into the four time-frames shown above by card (2-5, **1**; 6-9, **2**; 10-K, **3**; and A, **4**). Do not select multiple variables from any single timeframe; re-roll as needed to select unique timeframes.

**Congratulations!** The scenario is now built and ready to run.