

Is energy now a bigger risk than you've priced for?

Run these checks against your own numbers to see if your energy exposure is actually covered.

Energy now ranks second only to general economic uncertainty as a business concern, at 73%. 31% of businesses have already raised prices because of it.

01 Do you know your energy spend as a percentage of revenue, not just the dollar amount on the bill? ☐

Good looks like: you can state the percentage without checking, tracked the same way as wages or materials.

02 Has rising energy cost been priced into your next quote round? ☐

Good looks like: your quoting template has a line for it, updated in the last three months.

03 Have you already raised prices to cover energy increases? ☐

Good looks like: the change was planned and communicated, not a scramble after a bill shock.

04 Could your business keep trading for more than three days without power or fuel? ☐

Good looks like: you have a backup plan, alternative supplier, or buffer in place.

05 Do you have a written plan for your energy risk, not just an awareness of it? ☐

Good looks like: the plan is documented somewhere your team can find it.

06 Have you told your bank or accountant about your energy exposure? ☐

Good looks like: it was raised in your last review, not left for them to discover later.

Score yourself 5 or more yes means your exposure is covered. 3 to 4 means gaps worth closing before the next bill shock. 2 or fewer means energy is a live risk your bank does not know about.

Figures: survey of 406 business leaders, August to September 2026.