

What's the big deal you wonder. I'm just updating a plugin or editing a few things on the site.

The truth is, in general, there is no harm, until the day that little update brings everything down.

You see WordPress is a collection of many moving parts but not limited to the words on the page, the WordPress software its self, and all the plugins installed on the site to provide the desired functionality. Nevermind all the technology behind it including your hosting setup.

So that 1 tiny update could have BIG consequences.

Remember the time you accidentally deleted a page? Or your entire footer?

The last thing you or your business needs is a headache and embarrassment of a broken website.

Talk about unprofessional. Ouch!

So what's a business owner to do?

SIMPLE: Always use a Staging Site for ALL site updates.

Huh? A Staging Site??? What on earth is that?

Simply put a Staging Site is a place where you can make a copy of your live site and test out all your updates without impacting your live site.

You know, the one your customers are looking at ☐

So what does an update look like uses a Staging Site?

Fairly simple actually:

1. Click the button to copy your Live Site to the Staging Site
2. Do all updates on the Staging Site
3. Check that nothing blew up
4. Click the button to copy your Staging Site back to the Live Site

So what are you waiting for?

This might sound like a major production but in truth, most of the hosts including [WPEngine](#), [FlyWheel](#), and [GoDaddy](#) have this all set up for you in their infrastructure.

Yes, it's more steps.

But in comparison with dealing with a down website compliments of a single edit.

I'd say it worth it!



And if you need any help along the way please feel free to reach out.

That's why I'm here.

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