

# Conflict Resolution That Creates a Win-Win

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# If you do a good job resolving conflict, many positive outcomes are possible:

- 1. Increases the respect others have for you.
- 2. Strengthens your relationships.
- 3. Keeps productivity at a high level.
- 4. Decreases tension.
- 5. Increases trust.
- 6. Sends the message: *Everyone is valued*.
- 7. Ensures final solutions have broad support.

### Get to the root of your reaction. Identify what's really bugging you!

- Frustration
- Fear
- Disappointment
- Annoyance
- Rejection
- Powerlessness
- Fear of safety
- Unfulfilled Expectations
- Hurt
- Harassment

### Four - Step formula for managing conflict:

- 1. Capture the facts.
- 2. Decide on the best approach.
- 3. Prepare for the discussion.
- 4. Frame the conversation.

#### **STEP 1: THE FACTS**

- **Immediately** after the incident, write down all the facts & your thoughts.
  - Be <u>specific</u>. Identify the real issues.
  - Separate facts from emotions.
- Take 24 hours to think about it
  - Review what you wrote.
  - Decide if you still need to approach your co-worker.

#### **STEP 2: THE APPROACH**

- Invite person to talk, and let them know what it's about.
- Think "solution" not "being right" or "winning."
- Be calm & concerned, not aggressive or apologetic.
- Use agreement to talk, as first step to success.

#### **STEP 3: THE DISCUSSION**

- Prepare for discussion & rehearse opening.
- Think & speak in terms of "we" vs. "I."
- Keep your long-term relationship in mind.
- Ask for his/her perspective & listen actively, and non-defensively.
- Focus on individual & shared needs.
- Separate the real issues from pure emotion.

#### **STEP 4: THE INTERACTION**

- Words are powerful!
- Goal is to resolve the conflict and end up with a Win-Win situation.
- Avoid these words:
  - But / However
  - Always
  - Never
  - YOU!

# Sometimes you just have to confront the situation. Light a *FIRE* and create a win-win situation.

- F Facts
- I Impact of actions
- **R R**espect their situation
- **E E**xpected behavior

## Reward positive behavior with positive feedback using the ASIA model:

A: (Show) Appreciation

S: (Be) Specific

I: (Share) Impact

**A**: (Show) **A**ppreciation

### Some things to remember:

- See conflict? Think **Opportunity!**
- Figure out what's really **bugging** you?
- Resolve conflicts by using only the **FACTS**!
- Don't be a bully! **Separate** the *facts* from the *emotion*.
- Light a **FIRE** under your next difficult situation.
- Apply **ASIA** to reward and reinforce positive behavior.

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