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### Middle Manager Program

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# Why Introduce a Middle Manager Program

- Close the gap between senior management, middle management and employees.
- Equip managers to engage their employees in conversations on compliance to create a culture of 'organizational justice.'
- To create a culture of organizational justice, companies should start by following the guidelines:
  - Equip managers to deal decisively and consistently with instance of misconduct or unethical behavior;
  - Show the whole employee population—using real instances from the company—how the company deals with misconduct; and
  - Close the loop with employees who report misconduct.

\* Survey on Employee Fraud and Misconduct





# What Does a Successful Middle Manager Program Look Like?

Does it Really Exist?



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## Middle Manager Program

The Goal: Empower managers to have ethics and compliance based discussions with their employees.

The program must be:

- Convenient. It should not be a 'burden' to managers and should not be a 'lecture' to employees.
- ✓ **Engaging**. Topics must be engaging so employees participate.
- Simple. The more complex the program the more difficult to gain buy-in.
- ✓ **Ongoing**. Discussions should be ongoing, not a one-time event.
- Brief. Sessions should be able to be completed in 10 minutes but be dynamic enough to allow for longer discussions.



# Middle Manager Program - Materials

- Focus on the 'gray areas' of compliance. This is where employees have the most questions.
- To minimize costs, develop in house and ensure they are discussion based. Materials we developed include:
  - Employee Presentation

Detailed Facilitators Guide

FAQs

- Case Study
- Discussion Starters
- Lessons Learned
- Where to Report Concerns
- Translate into core languages.
- Delivery options can include intranet, secure internet site, unsecured internet site or company LMS.
- Post a demonstration video for managers new to the process.
- Create new materials on a regular basis.



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#### Middle Manager Program - Rollout 57377

**Pilot** 

Launch with pilot

Conduct feedback survey

**Post Pilot** 

## Launch

Launch in phases

- Ask businesses to select target audience.
- Ensure program is appropriate for all levels of management to use. Focus initial rollout on a subset of management.
- Ask managers to include the program as a ten-minute agenda item during a planned meeting with their team each quarter. (It should not be a special 'compliance meeting.')



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## Middle Manager Program - Rollout

- After completion, managers log into the company's Learning Management System and provide the information below:
  - Date discussion was completed
  - Number of people in attendance
  - Feedback on how the session went
  - Recommendations for future topics
- Individual employees are not asked to confirm attendance



# Middle Manager Program - Keys to Success

### Are You Ready?

Assess your organizations culture prior to implementation. How do your employees best receive new initiatives?

Ensure you have a mature compliance function prior to attempting to implement.

Pilot the program with a targeted audience that volunteers to participate.

Gather feedback from pilot participants. Ensure feedback is implemented and communicated – adds credibility.

## **Business Scenarios**

Develop scenarios in conjunction with the business and in response to manager/business requests.

All scenarios should be based on actual company situations.

Add new scenarios in response to annual risk assessment results and trends in case management system.





