

# A 'HOW TO' GUIDE FOR CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS



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Navigating employee issues can be difficult and if not addressed, they can have a negative impact in many areas: Client satisfaction, Employee morale, teamwork and productivity, liability, and turnover or absenteeism. It can be challenging to approach these situations in a way that allows you to reach the finish line successfully.



## **BUILD TRUST**

Create a safe environment so that the employee feels more comfortable to discuss what is really going on

## **COLLABORATE INSTEAD OF CONFRONT**

Ask employees to identify the problems and find solutions, rather than tell them what the problems and solutions are



## **CREATE A FEEDBACK CULTURE**

Foster an environment where challenging conversations become the norm



## **BE HUMAN**

Showing vulnerability and concern goes a long way

## **BE CANDID**

Provide honest and constructive feedback that genuinely helps them grow, without sacrificing empathy and respect



## **FOCUS ON THE BETTERMENT OF THE TEAM**

Focus on the collective whole of the team and remove personal biases or assumptions