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Total Quality Includes Customer Services

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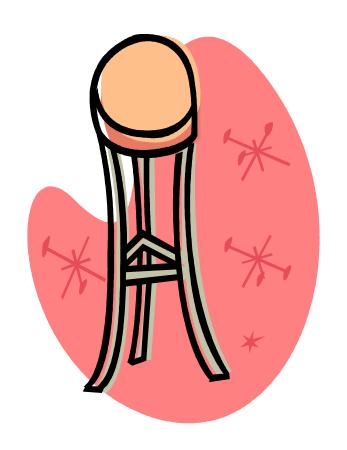


Communications; The Foundation of Quality and Customer Service

Corporation

- Management
- Staff
- Customers





Quality and Customer Service

- Service that...
 - Is Responsive
 - Anticipates needs
 - Is Predictable
 - Delivers "Information" not "Data"



Compelling Quality and Service through Innovation

- Your Customer has requirements they want you and your company to fulfill.
- They expect and demand innovative solutions to their requirements.

What Your Customer Wants

- They want to be successful.
- They want you to be innovative.
- They want predictable, high quality execution of tasks, products and services.
- They want minimal risk.
- They want you to delight them.



Execution

It isn't always WHAT you do.
It is also HOW you do it.

It isn't always WHAT you say.
It is also HOW you say it.



The Ten Commandments of Customer Service

1. I Am Your Customer. You Will Have No Other Customer Before Me.

There are 9 other Commandments, but Number 1 is all that matters.

To Keep Good Customers

- Deliver High Quality, High Value Solutions.
- You have to be known and wanted by the Customer.
- Develop mindshare and attachment.
- Truly know the Customer and their requirements.
- You must be innovative and compelling.
- You have to delight your Customers so they will tell their world about you.

It Starts with an Attitude

- "It's not my job" has never satisfied a Customer.
- Perceptions are Realities. Who is really the final arbiter of Quality?
- First impressions about your willingness to help the Customer influence their reaction to you.



Effective Communications is a Key to Quality Service

Good communication delivers information appropriate to the situation after considering the effect on the Customer, company, work team and individuals.

In a Conversation

- It isn't always what you say...
 - It is sometimes your choice of words
 - Tone of voice
 - Body language
 - Willingness to listen...



That Really Counts!

Everyone Has a Role in Quality and Customer Service

- Every contact we make leaves an impression.
- Customers are the judge and jury of your service. They may not always be right...
- BUT they are always "The Customer".

Effective Listening Skills to Generate Quality Solutions

- "Two Sets of Ears"
- Focus, Pay Attention
- Take notes and ask questions
- Restate what you have heard
- Confirm action items at the end
- Follow-Up with your management and the Customer on a timely basis

Be Easy to Work With

- Available
- On Time
- Proactive
- Courteous
- Friendly
- Consultative, not Argumentative
- Predictable Quality Results



The BEST Customer Service

- The Best Customer Service is to Provide Outstanding High Quality Solutions
- Provide the solutions the right way, on time, on budget and with a good attitude
- If you aren't satisfied the Client won't be satisfied either
- Plan to Delight your Customer

In Summary

- As Customers we have all been delighted at some time and we have all been dissatisfied at some time.
- We knew what our expectations were and how we were treated.
- Apply the "Golden Rule".

Have Fun!

- You and your Quality Solutions are an important part of your Customer's success.
- Good Customer service gives you better control of your job.
- The "Team" includes the Customer.

