LEARN HOW TO USE SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO STAY COMPOSED AND RESOLVE CUSTOMER CONFLICT ON THE TELEPHONE

DURATION:

This Dealing with Difficult Telephone Calls training course is run over a full day.

RECOMMENDED FOR:

All employees who have to deal with angry customers or service users via the telephone.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

The course raises understanding of particular challenges caused for customers and staff when communicating by phone. Participants learn key skills to maintain calm and in control and to de-escalate the behaviour of angry callers. They also learn coping strategies to use during and after an aggressive phone call.

COURSE BENEFITS:

By the end of this 'Dealing with Difficult Telephone Calls' course participants will be better able to:

- Recognise patterns of conflict unique to communicating by telephone
- Identify different stages of conflict escalation
- Understand the impact of 'red rag' words and phrases
- Maintain their composure during difficult phone calls
- Use specific skills to structure and control each call
- Use a range of skills to manage difficult behaviour
- Use coping strategies to manage the impact of conflict and aggression



1 DAY COURSE



TELEPHONE CONFLICT RESOLUTION



COURSE CONTENT

The 'Dealing with Difficult Telephone Calls' training content is tailored to your organization.

Key content includes:

BACKGROUND TO CONFLICT

- Understanding what triggers aggression
- Recognizing the stages of conflict escalation
- Managing conflict 'flashpoints'

UNDERSTANDING HOW THE TELEPHONE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO CONFLICT ESCALATION

- Understanding patterns of behavior unique to communicating by phone

RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

- Understanding our natural response to conflict
- Understanding the impact of 'Red Rag' words and phrases
- Controlling our voice and reactions
- Skills to maintain composure when emotions are rising





MANAGING CONFRONTATION

- Structuring difficult telephone conversations
- Staying in control of the call
- Listening and calming the situation
- Acknowledging difficulties and customer emotions
- Saying 'No' effectively
- Handling difficult or abusive behavior
- Giving the customer a 'win'
- Solving the problem
- Concluding angry phone calls

MANAGING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF AN ANGRY PHONE CALL

- Understanding the negative impact from angry phone calls
- Unique skills to manage our stress levels
- De-briefing after a difficult call

