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### How to Impress Your Boss

Everyone is a risk manager –not everyone realizes it.

#### **Special Events are Special Risks**

Its festival season – are you prepared for anything and everything that can happen?

## How to Impress Your Boss

Succeeding at work is at least partly a matter of knowing how to favourably(!) impress your boss.

It is in your best interests to make sure your boss thinks you are *amazing*. Do that and he/she will support you in your job and help make your career successful. Below I have listed five ways to show your boss that you are terrific:

- 1) *Make your boss' life easier.*** Spend a little time thinking about how you can anticipate what your boss needs to be, and look, successful at work. Using this approach to offer help, information or ideas is an automatic to get their support. It doesn't have to be big things, small things like sending a head-up on a looming problem can go a long way to creating a positive image of you as a team player.
- 2) *Be reliable.*** This is important. Employees who consistently do what they say they are going to do are invaluable to busy, pre-occupied managers. If you have ever relied on someone to do something – even as simple as meeting at the time agreed upon – and they failed, would you trust them to be on time when you were next to me? And if they continued to be late, would you ever trust them again?
- 3) *Display a positive attitude.*** It is important to demonstrate this habit to your boss. Children complain, adults describe a problem and suggest, ask for help finding, a way to resolve an issue.
- 4) *Don't make excuses.*** Life sometimes gets in the way and prevents us to do what we intended. (see tip #2) When something unavoidable occurs and you fail to deliver – explain, don't excuse the failure. Follow your explanation by saying how you can try to avoid a

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similar situation in the future. E.g. if your babysitter called in sick and you had to find an alternate caregiver, you can let your boss know that you have made back-up arrangements in case it happens again.

- 5) **Play nice with colleagues.** When colleagues don't get along – everybody notices. (No boss wants to spend time and energy on interpersonal issues.) We all want to work, and socialize, with people who make our lives easier. Being able to work with people who are a pain in the a... and not just the nice people, your boss will definitely notice. Assuming your boss is a reasonably normal person he/she will appreciate it. Being a positive employee who inspires collaboration makes you a good employee and one whose abilities are valuable.

Though these tips are all common sense, sometimes it's the basic tenets that we forget in the hustle-bustle of work. It can be difficult enough explaining and carrying out risk management work, without the barrier of an inter-personal conflict with superiors. These simple tips will help your day-to-day work go more smoothly. Just try them and see!

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