

Holding Staff Accountable

Leading with Clarity, Consistency and Courage

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The Accountability Mindset

- Leadership , not enforcement
- Builds trust
- Your team takes their cues from you
- Applies to you too
- Build excellence, not assigning blame



An accountability mindset means taking ownership — not just of results, but of actions and attitudes. It's about doing what you say you'll do, facing challenges head-on, and contributing to solutions instead of blame. When accountability is shared, trust grows and teams achieve more together.





Managers often stumble by being unclear about expectations, avoiding tough talks, or failing to follow through. When issues linger and focus stays only on results instead of behavior, trust and accountability weaken. Recognizing these habits is the first step toward stronger leadership.

Common Manager Pitfalls

- Being unclear about expectations
- Avoiding difficult conversations
- Inconsistency in follow-through
- Letting things slide too long
- Focusing on outcomes, not behavior

The 4-Step Process

Set Clear Expectations

- Define the what, how and why
- Document standards (SOP's, Training Manuals, Deadlines)
- Ask for confirmation

Address Issues Early & Directly

- Don't wait until the annual review
- Use a coaching tone, not an accusatory one

Monitor and Measure

- Observe behavior and performance consistently
- Track outcomes not just effort
- Use data, feedback and behavior-based observations

Follow Through with Consequences

- Document conversations
- Be consistent and fair don't make threats
- Know when to escalate to formal corrective action

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