The Importance of Consistent Compliance Messaging Across the Organization.

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Who am I?

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What will we cover in this session?

- Baseline: How do you communicate?
- Why you should care about what people are saying
  - Importance of consistency
  - Dangers & Pitfalls
- What to look for and where to look
  - Strategies & Tips
- Who can help
  - Where to look for additional support in your organization
High Five

What do you want from this session?
› Examples?
› Ideas?
› Motivation?
› Understanding?

Do you communicate?
› Launch / Update of Code of Conduct
› Launch / Update of Policies & Directives
› Yearly / Mandatory Training
› Whistleblowing hotline
› Compliance personnel changes
› Intranet page
› Alert statistics and lessons learned
You should care about what people are saying…

- Honesty is (usually) the best policy.
- Repetition, Repetition, Repetition.
- Consistent Tone from the Top and Reinforcement from the Middle is Paramount!
- What do regular employees think?

Words are not just words…

- CEO in Code of Conduct Introduction: “We put integrity at the center of everything we do.”
- Same CEO in email to Sales heads: “You need to get results. I will not accept excuses!”

Other Pitfalls to watch out for:

- Promising too much…
- Not aligning with management…
- Forgetting the middle…
- Not being able to measure success…
"When you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it; but when you cannot measure it, when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meager and unsatisfactory kind; it may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely in your thoughts advanced to the stage of science." – Lord Kelvin

How do you measure compliance communications?

› Get a baseline

› Set clear objectives & report on them

› Ask your employees

› REPEAT

Get a baseline: Status Quo vs Expectations

› What is currently being communicated?

› Who is doing it? Or who should be?

› How often are there compliance focused communication? / How often is compliance included?

› Is well received? / Is it consistent?

› What does management want / expect?
Clear KPIs: What does success look like?

- What are you trying to achieve?
  - More engagement / awareness / speak up culture?
- Align your goals with the business objectives
  - What benefits will increased comms have on the organization?
- Effective communication has four basic KPIs:
  - Reach: How many employees are you reaching?
  - Engagement: How are employees interacting with the content?
  - Behavior: Are employees doing something differently?
  - Impact: On employee engagement, retention, and if possible performance and productivity
- Track your KPIs regularly!

Ask your employees!!!

- Surveys are important for setting KPIs as well as for measuring results.
  - Don’t discount in-person discussions
  - Focus groups
  - Silent influencers!
- Surveys can also be used to gather quantitative feedback on your content.
- Make your surveys worthwhile.

Take away: Consistency & KPIs

CONSISTENCY IS...
What to look for and where to look

- Do some investigating!
- Take the time to review management communications
  - Officials comms
  - Messages to top management
  - External communications by top management
  - Meetings and events
  - Videos
- Is the messaging consistent?
- Is it correct? / Any red flags?

Who can help? Find allies and partners!

- Communications (internal / external)
- Human Resources
- Health & Safety
- Management

Communications

- Integrate your messages:
  - What do they already communicate?
  - Room in the monthly / quarterly newsletter?
  - CEO Messages / videos
  - Senior Management calls and meetings
  - Space for compliance in messages and slots in the meeting
- Aim to tweak
  - Look for messages that are close to what you want to say
  - Don’t start from scratch, expand and clarify the messages with compliance in mind
  - Be authentic to the speaker’s voice
Human Resources

- Individual KPIs
  - Can compliance be included in the individual goals?
  - What are the current incentives?
  - Do they contradict compliance messaging?

- Employee Onboarding
  - Is compliance part of the onboarding process?
  - Training on key risks, code of conduct, relevant policies and directives
  - Is this tracked?

- Promotions / Appointments
  - Do they include compliance considerations when hiring and promoting?
  - Alerts / "near misses" around an individual
  - Demonstrates right "tone"

Example: Health & Safety

- Can you combine your messaging with a strong internal communication resource?

- Manufacturing focuses a lot on safety and speaking up when there are dangers.
  - Use this messaging and talking points to illustrate your goals
  - If we can talk about Health and safety issues, Why not compliance?

Management

- The Holy Grail!

- Walk the walk & Talk the talk...

- If management is already your partner in compliance comms, you’re way ahead of the game!
  - Internal and external management messaging
  - Meetings, calls, external events
  - When your “brand” includes compliance
Share your experience!

› Divide into groups and discuss the following:
  
  • Who are your best allies?
  
  • Where do you face the most resistance?

Share your experience!

› What did you discuss in your group?
  
  • Similar or different allies / issues?
  
  • Any surprises?

What did I not cover that you would like to know?

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Thank you for your attention & participation!