If you Must Fire an Employee

Now and then, every supervisor must face the unpleasant task of firing an employee. When that time comes for you, prepare as carefully as you did when you interviewed that employee for the first time.

Before the meeting, think carefully about the specific nature of your complaints and whether you have given the employee ample warning and an opportunity to improve. Don't throw away a potentially valuable employee just because you have not adequately communicated your desires to him.

If no improvement takes place, make the termination interview clean and quick. Now is not the time to dwell on past failures, especially if there is nothing that can be done about them. Get to the point and end the meeting quickly. Be sure that the employee understands your decision is final and you will not be swayed by pleas for "one more chance."



Finally, give some serious thought to why your employee failed. Firing unsatisfactory employees should never become easy and, if your termination rate is high, it probably reflects a flaw in your training system and management of employees.

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