

# Best Practices for Handling Complaints







### Make It Easy to File a Complaint

The most successful companies want to hear complaints. Informed staff and customers are the first to know if things aren't working. **Feedback helps identify root causes** of unhappiness. Use this information to make changes and improve overall satisfaction.



## **Respond Quickly to Complaints**

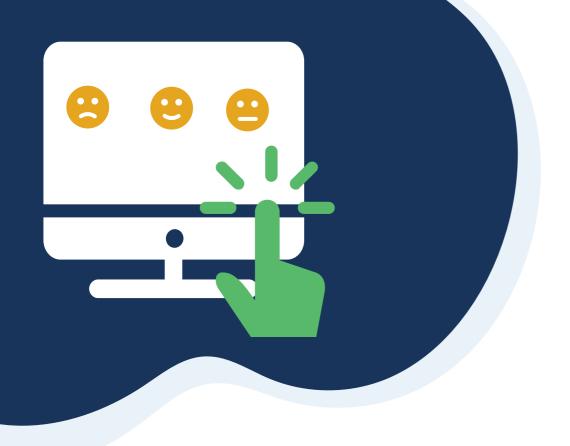
68 per cent\* of customers leave a company because **they believe you don't care** about them. Prove you care by responding to complaints courteously, quickly and with common sense. Customers reward companies that quickly solve problems with loyalty.



#### **Resolve Issues the First Time**

By resolving complaints on the first contact, you not only build confidence but you also save money by eliminating unnecessary additional contacts that escalate costs. Resolving a complaint on the first contact reduces the cost by at least 50 per cent.







## **Use Technology**

Technology gives you **better oversight and understanding** of the complaints you receive. Compiling all complaint information in one database (like a case management software tool) highlights trends so you can quickly identify and implement solutions.



# Hire Only the Best for the Job

Recruit and hire the best for complaint resolution positions. Handling complaints can be a tough job and you want only the best, most qualified people to represent your company and your values.

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