Training Course on Crisis Communication for Internal Stakeholders

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	CEOs and Directors	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Develop a comprehensive Internal Crisis Communication Plan aligned with organizational goals.
2. Identify potential crisis scenarios and assess their impact on internal stakeholders.
3. Master the principles of transparent and empathetic internal messaging during critical events.
4. Establish clear communication protocols and decision-making hierarchies for crisis response.
5. Utilize various internal communication channels effectively for rapid information dissemination.
6. Mitigate the spread of misinformation and rumors within the organization.
7. Enhance employee engagement and trust during challenging times.
8. Train internal spokespersons for confident and consistent communication.
9. Implement post-crisis internal communication strategies for recovery and learning.
10. Leverage digital tools and platforms for efficient internal crisis communication.
11. Analyze and learn from past crisis case studies to inform future preparedness.
12. Foster a culture of crisis readiness and proactive problem-solving among employees.
13. Measure the effectiveness of internal crisis communication efforts and optimize strategies.

Organizational Benefits

- Builds the capacity to effectively navigate and recover from unforeseen events, minimizing operational disruptions.
- Proactive and transparent internal communication helps control narratives and protects the organization's public image.
- Keeps employees informed, reduces anxiety, and fosters a sense of security and loyalty.
- Swift and effective internal response minimizes damage to operations, productivity, and the bottom line.
- Fosters a unified and informed workforce, leading to better teamwork and coordination during crises.
- Empowered employees can contribute to quicker identification and resolution of issues.
- Ensures adherence to communication requirements and reduces legal or reputational risks.
- Promotes a culture of transparency, accountability, and preparedness.

Target Audience

1. Human Resources Professionals
2. Internal Communications Managers
3. Department Heads and Team Leaders

4. Operations Managers
5. Employee Relations Specialists
6. Crisis Management Team Members
7. Senior Leadership and Executives
8. Anyone responsible for internal information flow

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Internal Crisis Communication

- Defining Crisis: Understanding internal vs. external crises and their impact.
- The Importance of Internal Stakeholders: Why employees are your first line of defense.
- Building a Culture of Transparency: Fostering trust and open communication.
- Key Principles of Crisis Communication: Timeliness, accuracy, empathy, and consistency.
- **Case Study:** *The Challenger Disaster* – Examining the critical failure of internal communication and its devastating impact.

Module 2: Crisis Preparedness and Planning

- Identifying Potential Internal Crises: Risk assessment and vulnerability analysis.
- Developing a Comprehensive Internal Crisis Communication Plan (ICCP).
- Forming and Training the Internal Crisis Communication Team: Roles and responsibilities.
- Establishing Communication Channels: Intranet, email, town halls, internal social platforms.
- **Case Study:** *Johnson & Johnson Tylenol Recall* – Highlighting the power of proactive and transparent internal communication during a major product crisis.

Module 3: Crafting Effective Internal Messages

- The Art of Empathetic Messaging: Acknowledging concerns and providing reassurance.
- Clarity and Conciseness: Ensuring messages are easily understood and actionable.
- Fact-Finding and Verification: Avoiding speculation and misinformation.
- Message Sequencing and Prioritization: What to communicate when.
- **Case Study:** *Wells Fargo Scandal* – Analyzing how initial internal communication failures exacerbated employee morale and external perception.

Module 4: Managing Information Flow During a Crisis

- Internal Communication Cadence: Frequency and consistency of updates.
- Addressing Rumors and Misinformation: Strategies for swift debunking.
- Two-Way Communication: Encouraging employee feedback and questions.
- Managing Sensitive Information: Balancing transparency with confidentiality.
- **Case Study:** *A Major Data Breach at a Tech Company* – Exploring how transparent and continuous internal updates helped retain employee trust despite the breach.

Module 5: Leadership's Role in Internal Crisis Communication

- Visible and Authentic Leadership: The importance of senior leaders during a crisis.
- Empowering Managers as Communicators: Equipping frontline leaders with tools.
- Consistent Messaging from All Levels: Ensuring a unified voice.
- Leading with Empathy and Calm: Setting the tone for the organization.
- **Case Study:** *Zappos' Response to a Cyberattack* – Showcasing how strong leadership communication fostered resilience and loyalty.

Module 6: Utilizing Digital and Social Media for Internal Communication

- Leveraging Internal Social Platforms: Yammer, Slack, Microsoft Teams.
- Creating a Dedicated Crisis Information Hub on the Intranet.
- Video Messaging and Live Streams: Enhancing engagement and personal connection.
- Monitoring Internal Sentiment and Feedback through Digital Channels.
- **Case Study:** *The COVID-19 Pandemic Response at Various Organizations* – Examining best practices in utilizing digital tools for rapid and widespread internal communication.

Module 7: Post-Crisis Internal Communication and Learning

- Communicating the "All Clear" and Recovery Phase.
- Rebuilding Trust and Morale Post-Crisis.
- Conducting Post-Mortem Analysis: What went well, what could be improved.
- Implementing Lessons Learned: Updating plans and processes.
- **Case Study:** *BP Oil Spill (Internal Aftermath)* – Discussing the long-term internal communication challenges in rebuilding trust and culture.

Module 8: Crisis Simulations and Practical Application

- Developing Realistic Crisis Scenarios relevant to the organization.
- Running Tabletop Exercises and Mock Crisis Drills.
- Role-Playing Crisis Communication Team Interactions.
- Practicing Message Delivery and Q&A Sessions.
- **Case Study:** *Simulated Product Recall at a Manufacturing Firm* – Participants apply learned skills in a controlled, realistic environment and receive feedback.

Training Methodology

This training course will employ a highly interactive and practical methodology to ensure maximum engagement and skill retention. The approach includes:

- **Interactive Lectures and Discussions:** Providing foundational knowledge and encouraging participant input.
- **Case Study Analysis:** In-depth examination of real-world crisis communication successes and failures.
- **Group Exercises and Workshops:** Collaborative problem-solving and plan development.
- **Crisis Simulations and Role-Playing:** Hands-on practice in realistic crisis scenarios.
- **Q&A Sessions:** Addressing specific participant challenges and concerns.
- **Practical Tools and Templates:** Providing actionable resources for immediate implementation.
- **Peer Feedback and Coaching:** Opportunities for constructive criticism and learning from others.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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