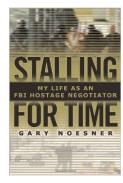


- 1. Invest the time to thoughtfully listen to the ideas and perspectives of others
- 2. Attempt to de-escalate tension
- 3. Avoid demonstrations of aggressive attitude or intent
- 4. Project a calm and controlled demeanor
- 5. Always be respectful
- 6. Avoid threats and arguments
- 7. Voice a desire to work together for a positive outcome
- 8. State a desire to help not hurt
- 9. Remain genuine and sincere
- 10. Acknowledge their point of view
- 11. Articulate understanding of their concerns
- 12. Restate the emotional feelings they express
- 13. Patiently create a trusting relationship
- 14. Earn the right to exert a positive influence
- 15. Point out the alternatives to conflict
- 16. Continually project care and concern
- 17. Remember: how you say something is as important as what you say
- 18. Remain patient throughout
- 19. Be open to different approaches and remain flexible
- 20. Think of creative ways to address their concerns
- 21. Identify their needs versus just their stated goals
- 22. Don't allow others actions to undercut yours
- 23. Specifically articulate how your recommended approach works for them
- 24. Project a positive vision of a desired outcome
- 25. If at first you don't succeed keep trying again and again



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