CHECKLIST FOR COMMUNICATING

Making the Most of Behavioral Talents

When talking to a	Quick Guide	For more effective two-way communication DO	(Unless you want to create tension or dissatisfaction) DON'T
a Dominant person. One who is ambitious, forceful, decisive, strong-willed, independent and goal oriented when it comes to their approach to Problems:	DOMINANCE (of Problems) Task oriented / Fast paced Goals: results and control. Fears: losing control of their environment and being taken advantage of.	 ✓ Tell them "WHAT" is in it for them. ✓ Be clear, specific, brief and to the point. ✓ Stick to business. ✓ Come prepared with support material in a well-organized "package". 	Talk about things that are not relevant to the issues. Leave loopholes or cloudy issues. Appear disorganized.
an Influencing person. One who is magnetic, enthusiastic, friendly, demonstrative, and prefers working with People:	INFLUENCE (of People) People oriented / Fast paced Goals: people involvement and recognition. Fears: rejection and loss of social approval.	 ✓ Tell them "WHO" else is involved. ✓ Provide a warm and friendly environment. ✓ Don't deal with a lot of details. (Put them in writing). ✓ Ask "feeling" questions to draw their opinions or comments. 	Be curt, cold or tight-lipped. Control the conversation. Focus on facts and figures, alternatives or abstractions.
a Steadiness person who is patient, predictable, reliable, steady, relaxed, modest, and loves to steady the Pace:	STEADINESS (of Pace) People oriented / Slow paced Goals: stability and security. Fears: sudden change and losing security.	 ✓ Tell them "HOW" stability will be added. ✓ Begin with a personal comment – break the ice. ✓ Present your case softly and non-threateningly. ✓ Ask "how" questions to draw their opinions. 	Rush headlong into business. Be domineering or demanding. Force them to respond quickly to your objectives.
"High C" a Compliant person. One who is cautious, neat, careful, conservative, perfectionistic, and Procedures to follow:	COMPLIANCE (to Procedures) Task oriented / Slow paced Goals: accuracy, quality and stats. Fears: criticism of performance and lack of standards.	 ✓ Tell them "WHY" – explain logically. ✓ Prepare your "case" in advance. ✓ Stick to business. ✓ Be accurate and realistic. 	Be giddy, casual, informal or loud Push too hard or be unrealistic with deadlines Be disorganized or messy.