## Providing Support for Affected Employees: Fostering a Culture of Care and Well-being

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Workplace impairment transcends safety concerns. It impacts productivity, well-being, and the entire work environment. But companies can be a force for good. By nurturing a culture of care and offering comprehensive support, they empower employees to thrive, fostering a more resilient and productive workforce.

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Identifying the Need for Support: Pave the way for employee well-being and thriving workplaces.

- Promoting Open Communication: Encouraging open communication and clear reporting mechanisms for employees to disclose their struggles without fear of judgment or retaliation.
- Training and Awareness: Providing comprehensive training to managers, enabling them to recognize
  and address concerns promptly.
- Regular Impairment Screenings: Regularly conducted in a sensitive and non-discriminatory manner, can
  identify potential issues early on.
- **Performance Monitoring**: Monitoring employee performance metrics, such as productivity, attendance, and error rates, can reveal potential signs of impairment that may require intervention.



Offering Comprehensive Support Services: Organizations can provide a range of support services:

- Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs): Partnering with EAPs empowers employees by offering
  confidential support for substance abuse, mental health, and personal challenges, fostering a healthier
  and more productive workforce.
- **Treatment Referrals:** Empower employee well-being by bridging the gap to proper care, from rehab centers to mental health specialists.
- Accommodation Requests: Flexible arrangements, adjusted schedules, and assistive tech—empowering
  employees to overcome limitations and thrive.



**Collaborating with EAPs and Healthcare Providers:** Robust EAP and healthcare partnerships weave a safety net for employees navigating workplace impairment, from initial support to ongoing recovery.

- Shared Information and Assessments: Sharing relevant information and assessments with EAPs and healthcare providers to ensure a holistic understanding of each employee's situation and needs.
- Joint Treatment Plans: Collaborating with EAPs and healthcare providers to develop individualized treatment plans that address both the underlying causes of impairment and the employee's specific needs
- Regular Case Management: Regularly convene EAPs and healthcare providers for case management, tracking progress, intervention efficacy, and tailoring support as necessary.

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