

FIVE TOP TIPS FOR ASKING FOR HELP

WHAT TO DO	HOW TO DO IT	OUTCOME
1. Notice what it is that stops you asking for help	(See DIY Tendency Tools)	You can choose to change this behaviour & begin to ask for help.
2. Create A Helping Culture	Make asking for help and giving	Establish further trust in:
	help part of your normal practice.	 Relationships. Acceptability of asking for help in a positive way. The positive achievement outcomes.
3. Decide What Exactly You Need Help With	 Focus on your specific goals and priorities The tasks needed to get there Which specific ones could usefully be achieved with help from others. 	Sets everyone up for success: You know what you need and can therefore ask well.
4. Choose Well Who You Ask	 Sometimes this means directing specific requests for help to those who you know have the required skills and attitudes. Sometimes this means asking for help to a wider audience as you may not know who has access to the required resources to be able to help you. 	Continues To Set Up For Success: makes sure of a positive experience for both parties builds helping culture.
5. Be Direct and Clear SPECIFIC MEASURABLE AGREED REALISTIC TIME-BOUNDED	Communicate exactly what you need help with: - Any resource requirements. - How it fits into the bigger picture/ why it is important. - When it needs to be completed by. -OK to say NO if don't have resources.	Continues to set up for successful help: - Others can make a realistic assessment of whether it is do-able for them, whether they can help or not. - Helper/s clear about what is needed.