

# Risk Mentor Tool

## Earning Respect

Now that you have discussed ways to avoid risk failure, it is time to identify ways members can gain social standing in your group. People who experience risk failure are often just trying to impress others, especially older group members. Just think back to when you joined the group and wanted to be accepted by the other members.

For this activity, you will repeat the process you followed for “Secrets to Success.” You can use the format of “You Gain My Respect When You . . .” (on the next page) for recording answers to Question 1, and “You Lose My Respect When You . . .” to record answers to Question 2.

### Question 1: Earning the Respect of the Group

**Sample script:** “We have a good list of our group’s collective wisdom about how to avoid risk failure at parties and other situations that involve alcohol. These are great suggestions for how to have fun but not become a problem for yourself or other people.”

“We also want to talk about the issue of earning respect. I don’t know about you, but I really want the other members of this organization to respect me. Some of the things people do when they’re drinking earn our respect, but other things don’t. So next we’ll talk about the things people do when they drink that earn our respect. I’ll begin with our organization’s leader team. What are some ways members of this group earn your respect when they drink?”

*(Record strategies as the group leaders mention them.)* “Thank you. Now let’s open it up to the whole group. What are some things group members do when they’re drinking that earn your respect?” *(Record the strategies mentioned by other group members.)*

### Question 2: Losing the Respect of the Group

**Sample script:** “Now let’s talk about things group members might do when drinking that cause your respect for them to decrease. We’ll start again with our leader team.” *(Record strategies as group leaders mention them. Then ask the rest of the group to share their ideas while you record them.)*

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### You Lose My Respect When You . . .

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