Nonprofit Risk Management Center

5 Riveting Reads for Risk Champions

Here's our list of inspiring reads for nonprofit Risk Champions.



Just Culture: Balancing Safety & Accountability

By Sidney Dekker

Dekker invites a refreshing understanding of a word that is poorly used and understood in the nonprofit sector: accountability. Dekker asks readers to replace the 'blame and punish' approach to accountability with one that is forward-looking: "What should we do about the problem and who should bear responsibility for implementing those changes."



Managing the Unexpected: Sustained Performance in a Complex World

By Karl Weick & Kathleen Sutcliffe

Filled with helpful insights, authors Weick and Sutcliffe caution against



adopting too-simplistic explanations of or solutions to complex challenges. They invite readers to pause to consider perennially ponderous questions, such as: "Is questioning encouraged at all levels within our organization?"





Organized Uncertainty: Designing a World of Risk Management

By Michael Power

Power describes enterprise risk management as "a form of risk management practice... suggestive of a bird's eye view of organizational life." To expand your mindset and elevate your risk management program to the enterprise level, this book is a must read.



Start With Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action

By Simon Sinek

Sinek writes that "trusting relationships are invaluable for us to feel safe." Nonprofit leadership teams who want to fully embrace risk management should begin by getting on board with trust. This simple goal-fostering a trusting environment-can mean the difference between a successful risk management effort and one that exists only in the materials assembled for the upcoming accreditation visit.





On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft

By Stephen King

A favorite writing tip from Stephen King's terrific book is "Language does not always have to wear a tie and lace-up shoes." This tip offers a friendly reminder for Risk Champions: always use simple, clear language to convey important messages about risk and safety at your organization.

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