



The seven deadly sins of directing volunteers

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- [1]** To recruit a volunteer for a cause or program in which you don't believe - or to ask a volunteer to do a job you wouldn't do yourself.
- [2]** To worry about the number of volunteers you need to the degree that you sign a person up even if he or she is not right for the job to be done.
- [3]** To restrict a volunteer's effectiveness by not providing adequate preparation, training or tools.
- [4]** To ask salaried staff to work as a team with volunteers, if you yourself do not have volunteers helping with the responsibilities of your job.
- [5]** To be so concerned about your own job security, that you do not stand up and fight for the needs and rights of the volunteers you represent.
- [6]** To offer volunteers certain opportunities and working conditions, and then not deliver.
- [7]** To waste a volunteer's time - ever.