

Communication & Boundaries Scenarios

Read each scenario and discuss: 1) The effectiveness of the open, two-way communication, 2) What boundary or boundaries are involved and 3) How you would handle the situation.

Scenario 1

The Veteran Mentee and Mentor (Parties) are talking together. The Mentee mentions that he/she are going to be evicted from his/her apartment if he/she can't come up with the rent in the next few days. The Mentee says that they don't know where to turn and tells the Mentor that they are \$150 dollars short and need help.

1. How effective is open, two-way communication?
2. What Boundary(ies) is/are involved?
3. How should the Parties handle this situation?

Scenario 2

The Mentor has, on occasion, provided a ride to his/her Mentee to their periodic person-to-person meetings, to a Forum or drive the Mentee to their home after their meeting or a Forum. The Mentee has started a pattern of asking the Mentor to drive them to the mall or a store at a time other than one of their meetings or a Forum.

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Scenario 3

The Veteran Mentee and Mentor (Parties) have been meeting and communicating for a few months now and have developed a level of comfort with each other. The Mentor asks the Mentee for details about a very personal, sensitive topic. The Mentee knows that sharing information builds trust and can be important. However the question makes the Mentee feel uncomfortable and is unsure whether this information will benefit their Mentee/Mentor relationship.

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