

Is Your Audit Program on Schedule?



Thinking of skipping your internal audits? That is not a good idea and here's why:

When resources are stretched thin and maybe even stretched to the limit, skipping audits is never a good idea. Some organizations may resort to "whitewash" audits where they set unreal audit objectives in such a short time frame, they really don't have time to look at any credible evidence, and the audit becomes essentially useless. Although these kinds of audits may be a "check in the box", the whitewash audits are never a good idea as they provide no real value for Leadership.

Remember, the purpose of an internal audit is to verify conformity to requirements as well as to verify the suitability, effectiveness, and efficiency of your quality system. Skipping audits or skipping over audit evidence during whitewash audits will not only put your Quality Management System Certification at risk but will also reduce your ability to add value to the organization. If you skip audits or do a whitewash audit to "fly over" your system you may miss improvement opportunities that can add to your bottom line.

Additional risks of skipped or whitewash audits include having a false sense of conformity with the Quality Management System and allowing a poor situation to fester and infect the rest of the system processes when left undiagnosed. The outcome? A negative impact on the organization's ability to remain competitive and cost-effective.

Don't have time to get your audits done? Did you fall off your audit schedule? Is your audit coming soon? Don't worry, don't panic, Gorgeatte Consulting Inc. can help. Call our team to dispatch a qualified auditor to your site now. Is distance a problem? Not for us! We use remote technology and can review your audit evidence using our three Audit Superpowers: Interview, Observation and Records Review.

Contacting us is easy: [Let us help you save time and money with effective remote audits](#)

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Auditing Myth (True or False)

True: Internal quality auditors are looking for conformity and improvement

Internal Quality Auditors aren't "bean counters" we see once a year. In fact, a well-documented audit program should have multiple auditors auditing multiple processes frequently to encourage top of mind awareness and to act as a voice for the quality management system. Auditors look at the evidence and compare it to the requirements in an objective, non-biased way. Auditors bring value to the organization by identifying areas of improvement and positive points of the quality system. So don't be afraid, let them in, talk to them, you will be so glad you did.

Want to learn more about the skills required to be an Internal Quality Auditor?

Susan Gorveatte, President of Gorveatte Consulting Inc. recently presented a one-hour webinar with the American Society for Quality, "Audit Like A Leader" to an audience of almost 500 participants where she reviewed the soft skills required to be a successful auditor. A copy of the slides is available, all you have to do is ask.

Click the link to request your copy of the PowerPoint presentation, "Audit Like A Leader: [Link to an email request](#), or click here: [American Society for Quality Audit Division Webinar](#)



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Helping you demystify the ISO 9001 Standard

Motivational Quote

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change" —*Stephen Hawking*



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