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## Why fireworks are more likely









## **Risks**

What are the risks?







 Am I the right person to have this conversation?







- Frame of mind/emotional state
- Is the other person ready?







 Reframe the mental context for yourself into a more positive one than negative one







 Assume you have something to learn from the conversation







 Put yourself in the other person's shoes (empathising).







# **Conflict Iceberg**









## **Create collaboration?**

- Share knowledge and information
- Consider alternatives and options
- What might they do to solve it?
- Build trust by listening
- Give and receive feedback







 Don't be afraid to ask a colleague for support







- Prepare
- Make a list of questions
- Use script as aide memoire







Don't avoid having the conversation

Act promptly to nip things in the bud







- Keeping professional
  - Controlling the meeting and adjourn if necessary
  - Focus on the behaviour or issue not on the person
  - Address confidentiality and its boundaries







- Confidence
  - Don't respond to manipulating behaviour
  - Remember to the other person you probably come across as more confident than you are





## **Further reading**

 ACAS – challenging conversations and how to manage them







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