

Interview Questions Outside Sales

A person who is proficient with all aspects of being a salesperson. Heavy emphasis on cold calling, new business development, and closing.



Sales

- As our outside sales representative, how will you allocate your time between tending to existing customers and going out and finding new clients?
- What's the most common reason that people who don't buy from you give as the reason for declining the sale?
- Describe how you prepare for a sales call for a new client. What questions will you ask the client?
- Tell me about your most difficult sales experience.
- Tell me about your sales volume over the past three years. What have you done to influence it?
- How do you get up-to-date information from customers and what do you do with it?
- What kinds of presentations have you made to customers? How did you prepare for them? What challenges did you have?
- Have you ever had to persuade a group to accept a proposal or idea? How did you go about doing it? What was the result?
- What do you do in the event that the customer's initial answer to you is "no?"
- How do you build a network of possible clients?

Composure and Customer Service

- Tell me about a conflict you handled well and one you didn't handle well.
- How do you go about establishing rapport with a customer? What have you done to gain their confidence? Give an example.
- Tell me a time you almost lost a customer, but you were able to turn it around.
- What process do you use to calm an upset customer?
- What would you do if a frustrated customer complained about a widely known problem with the company's product?

Communication and Collaboration

- Tell me a time when you successfully coordinated with various departments to provide exceptional customer service.
- How do you disseminate information to other people? How do you decide what's important?
- How do you explain complex information to a person not in your industry?

Technology

- What software programs do you have experience with?
- What are your best and worst technical skills?



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