

Marketing Cloud | I Screwed Up. Now What? ^[1]

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Learn how to remedy the most common mistakes be see in Marketing Cloud, including:

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- **Audience** | You've sent to the wrong recipients
- **Delivery** | Incorrect 'From Information' or Footer used

Identify, Evaluate, Respond

- STEP 1 | Identify
- STEP 2 | Evaluate
- STEP 3 | Respond

There are a number of common mistakes we see in email marketing. First, consider the following to identify your particular "OOPS" strategy:

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Once you've identified the fact that you have an issue, then you need to assess the situation properly to determine how to move forward. Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Who was affected?
- How big of an impact does it have?

Determine the severity of the mistake.

- **Minor issues, typos, imperfections.** Things that won't really hurt the business or the customer. These are not likely to require a response, but should have action taken to reduce and prevent them in the future.
- **Embarrassing mistakes.** Technical errors that impede the customer experience, but

can be easily resolved.

- **Real problems.** These issues can hurt an organization's revenue, reputation, and could cause long-term damage to the business and its customers.

Once you've determined that an oops email is necessary, it's time to develop a response to the error.

!TIP!

Have a generic response prepared ahead of time to respond quickly in times of crisis. Make sure it's simple and adaptable, though so that you can tweak it to fit the situation if and when need be.

SENDING A CORRECTION

What to say

- Apologize
- Identify the mistake
- Provide reassurance the error won't happen again
- Give recipients a reason to forgive you

Who to include

- Only those who are impacted

Content Issues

- There is a broken link in my email
- My content is incorrect

Audience Issues

- I sent to the wrong list
- I forgot to exclude my UNSUB
- I sent to my UNSUB

Delivery Issues

- I used the wrong from information

- I used the wrong footer

How to Prevent Mistakes

- Checklists [3] are your friend!

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