Sagefrog Tip Sheet

Content Marketing that Drives the Sales Cycle

Content marketing takes time and expertise, and to gain true ROI – you need a well-defined, efficient strategy. The purpose of content marketing is to create valuable content that nurtures your prospective clients at each step of the sales cycle.

To do so, consider the questions that your prospects will have at each step of the sales cycle, and provide them with content that answers their questions and includes calls-to-action to guide them to the next step.



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Awareness

Prospects are gathering preliminary information. Content should be informational:

- Tip lists
- Industry-related articles
- Free downloads
- Whitepapers
- Portfolios
- Customer testimonials

Consideration

Prospects are comparing vendors. Content should be focused and differentiated:

- Case studies
- eBooks
- Demo videos
- Webinars

Purchase

Prospects are ready to make a decision. Content should close the deal:

- Relevant case studies
- Proposals
- Special offers
- Process overviews

Loyalty

Prospects are now buyers. Content should engage them to become advocates and increase their lifetime value for your company:

- Feedback surveys
- Customers newsletter
- Ongoing training
- Special offers
- Referral incentives

To start achieving the ROI that comes with a streamlined, process-driven content marketing strategy, consider the questions and considerations of your leads at each stage of the sales cycle. Once your content is developed, consider the channels you will use to deliver it to your leads. This may be email and direct mail, blogs and social media, phone calls and meetings. Be sure to integrate this strategy with your overall marketing effort to achieve maximum consistency, efficiency and ROI.

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