

## **TIP OF THE WEEK # 85**

### **Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert**

**A new Sentinel Event Alert was issued by the Joint Commission on 27 August, 2009 and revised on 08 September 2009 titled Leadership Committed to Safety. In this alert, “the Joint Commission is advocating greater involvement of health care trustees, executives, and physician leaders, contending that the overall safety and effectiveness of a health care facility depends on administrative and clinical leaders who set the tone, create the culture and drive improvements”.**

**The alert includes 14 action items that are directed to health care leaders to ensure an atmosphere of trust and fairness that encourages reporting of risks and adverse events. All are encouraged to read the alert by checking the link below:**

**[http://www.jointcommission.org/SentinelEvents/SentinelEventAlert/sea\\_43.htm](http://www.jointcommission.org/SentinelEvents/SentinelEventAlert/sea_43.htm)**