

## Displaying and Removing Help Balloons

When help is enabled, the **Help Manager** automatically tracks the cursor and displays and removes help balloons as the user moves the cursor over hot rectangles specified in 'hrct' resources or over item rectangles associated with menu items and dialog items that are specified in 'hmnu' and 'hdlg' resources. If you want to provide help balloons for areas not defined in these resources, then your application is responsible for tracking the cursor and determining when to display and remove help balloons for these application-defined areas.

### Displaying a Help Balloon

The **HMShowBalloon** function lets you display a help balloon for the content area of any window of your application. You need provide only the descriptive help information, the location of the tip the **Help Manager** should use to display the help balloon, and a constant specifying what method to use for displaying and removing the balloon. You can also provide an alternate rectangle that the **Help Manager** uses for moving the help balloon's tip when it tries to fit the help balloon on screen. You can specify your own balloon definition function and variation code, and you can provide a pointer to a tip function that lets your application test and adjust the balloon before displaying it.