Employers’ Top 10 Pet Peeves

1. Abuse of sick leave
One in three employees who call in sick are not really sick. Calling in sick makes it hard for your boss to plan when and how work will get done.

2. Poor hygiene
Bathe consistently and brush your teeth. Body odors and poor hygiene are distracting to workers and reflects negatively on your company.

3. Out-of-control cubicles
Do not put too many decorations in your office or cubicle. Always make sure your desk items are contained to your desk and do not display too many silly or personal items.

4. Unorthodox noises
Do not set your computer to make noises every time you click a button, such as quacking when you open an email. Turn the sound off on your cell phone, especially if you have music set as your ringtone.

5. Obnoxious phone behavior
It is never appropriate to receive multiple personal calls on your cell phone or office phone at work. Do not force your boss to eavesdrop on your phone conversations to make sure they are work related.

6. Extended smoking breaks
When smoking breaks become too long and frequent, you force your manager to keep tabs on your whereabouts constantly.

7. Lousy table manners
Always be conscious of your table manners when at a meal-time meeting with a client. Poor table manners are embarrassing to your boss and reflect poorly on the quality of people at your company.

8. Selling your wares at the office
As soon as one person brings their child’s Girl Scout cookie sales form to the office, everyone begins bringing their children’s sales forms to the office.

9. Red vs. blue states
Leave your political bumper stickers, buttons, etc. at home. Your boss does not want to be the mediator of any political debates you may start at the office.

10. The office sourpuss
Nothing gets under an employer’s skin like the chronic complainer. Do not be a drain on the office.

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