

Workers Share Top 10 Wackiest April Fool's Day Pranks Played at the Office in New CareerBuilder.com Survey

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What is the craziest prank you pulled at the office on April Fool's Day? Hid crickets in the receptionist's desk? Wrapped up an entire office in foil? Pretended to quit or fire someone? More than one-third of workers say they have played jokes like these at the office on April 1, according to CareerBuilder.com's annual April Fool's Day survey. One-in-ten say they are cooking up new gags to pull on co-workers and managers this year. The survey was conducted from February 24 to March 3, 2005 of more than 1,700 workers.

The following are the top 10 most memorable pranks workers say they participated in or fell victim to at the office on April Fool's Day:

10. Gave a message to my boss to return a call to Mr. Lyon. The number was to the local zoo.
9. Pretended to go into labor when I was 8 months pregnant.
8. Froze co-worker's car keys in a bucket of water.
7. Switched the boss's lottery ticket with a fake winning one.
6. Tricked a fellow bank worker into thinking we were robbed while he was out to lunch.
5. Sent a manager with a reputation for "playing the field" a fake summons for child support.
4. Fooled the boss by setting up an interview with a female job candidate who actually turned out to be one of the male employees.
3. Placed live lobsters in a co-worker's car.
2. Hired someone to play a police officer and arrest a co-worker.
1. Installed a working urinal in a co-worker's office.

"While office pranks can bring comic relief to the workday, it is important to know your audience and use good judgment," said Rosemary Haefner, Vice President of Human Resources at CareerBuilder.com. "What may seem like harmless fun to some may be interpreted differently by others."

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Survey Methodology

The new CareerBuilder.com survey, "April Fool's Day at the Office," was conducted from February 24 to March 3, 2005. Methodology used to collect survey responses totaling more than 1,700 workers for this study involved selecting a random sample of comScore Networks panel members. These Web Panel members were approached via an e-mail invitation, which asked them to participate in a short online survey. The results of this survey are statistically accurate to within +/- 2.36 percentage points (19 times out of 20).

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