

CareerBuilder Survey Reveals Which Embarrassing Observations Workers are Willing to Point Out to Their Co-Workers

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Nobody likes to point out potentially embarrassing situations, but when faced with them in the office, workers are more likely to address them with their peers than with co-workers in higher or lower positions. More than 4,400 workers participated in a nationwide survey from CareerBuilder in which they were asked, given the following embarrassing situations, which of your co-workers you would tell the following:

1. Your zipper is undone
 - a. Same level co-worker - 67 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 62 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 50 percent
2. You have something in your nose
 - a. Same level co-worker - 51 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 46 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 33 percent
3. You have food in your teeth or on your face
 - a. Same level co-worker - 66 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 60 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 49 percent
4. Your hair is messy
 - a. Same level co-worker - 33 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 30 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 13 percent
5. You have a stain on your clothes
 - a. Same level co-worker - 51 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 47 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 34 percent
6. You need a breath mint
 - a. Same level co-worker - 33 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 29 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 14 percent
7. You need a shower
 - a. Same level co-worker - 28 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 28 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 11 percent
8. Your apparel is not appropriate for the office
 - a. Same level co-worker - 32 percent
 - b. Lower level co-worker - 37 percent
 - c. Higher level co-worker - 10 percent

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Interactive on behalf of CareerBuilder.com among 4,478 U.S. workers (employed full-time; not self-employed; non government); ages 18 over between May 22nd and June 10th, 2009 (percentages for some questions are based on a subset, based on their responses to certain questions). With a pure probability sample of 4,478 one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 1.46 percentage points. Sampling error for data from sub-samples is higher and varies.

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