

Top Ten Ways to Get Fired



1. Showing a negative attitude
2. Using drugs or alcohol
3. Lying to the boss or customers
4. Stealing items from work
5. Gossiping and talking negatively about others
6. Disobeying the rules
7. Missing or showing up late for work
8. Looking unprofessional
9. Not listening to the boss
10. Not taking responsibility to get the job done



Pitfalls & Snake Pits

Ashley works as a lab technician. This is her third month and she has been late for work four times in the last two weeks. Her hours start at 8:00 and she has been as late as 8:40 twice. Her supervisor asked her if there was a problem that was causing her to be late. Ashley answered that her alarm didn't go off.

Luke has worked in the shipping and receiving department of the local school district for two years. Several orders have been lost after being delivered to the warehouse. Luke remembers checking them in, but does not know where they are now. Luke lied to his boss and said he never saw them. He even erased the records from the log book.

Alicia works at a big department store in the mall. She has started stealing small items in the last two weeks. She can't believe how easy it is to put these things in her pocket or purse. Now that she has gotten away with stealing she is taking more and more.

For nine months, Tom has been working for an auto repair shop that does fast oil changes and tune-ups. He is good at oil changes and is learning how to help with tune-ups. Chris, a new employee, knows how to do tune-ups and is already getting more hours than Tom. Tom has been saying negative things about Chris to other employees to make him look bad. Tom even talked to the boss about Chris.

Julie works as a receptionist at a local cable TV office. She recently moved out on her own with two roommates. They have been having parties with drinking and drugs. Julie has been making mistakes on the job for the last four weeks because of hangovers. Last week her boss told her she was concerned that Julie was doing drugs and told her she may get called in for a drug test.

Lamar is working nights as a security guard. Last week he started taking classes at the local community college. He has been too tired and busy to get his uniforms cleaned and pressed. For several days he has worn unprofessional looking uniforms, which is against the rules.

Toni is a new maid at a local hotel. She has learned the job but is not happy with the work. She feels that cleaning is a menial job. She has a negative attitude about the job and complains to co-workers. Her boss has heard about the complaints and plans to talk to her.

Louis is working at a landscape nursery. He is in charge of watering and maintaining over 500 trees. To do this, he needs to water at least 100 trees every day so that each tree is watered once a week. He is supposed to let the water run for five minutes per tree. Louis is always behind and some of the trees are dying.

Beatrix works at a clothing store that specializes in jeans. One of the rules is that everyone is to wear jeans and shirts or blouses with sleeves. Beatrix likes to wear sleeveless shirts and has even worn short skirts. Although she looks nice, her boss has warned her that she will be sent home if she does not follow the dress code.

Sam is a construction apprentice with a local contractor. His boss told him that he could assist other workers by bringing them supplies and cleaning their power tools. Sam decided he would rather use power tools than clean them. He used a nail gun on the dry wall and ruined the gun.

