

Thirty-One Percent of Workers May Show Up to Work in a Halloween Costume This Year, CareerBuilder.com Survey Reveals

- Check Out 10 Quick, Easy and Cheap Costume Ideas to Get in the Halloween Spirit at the Office -

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Prepare yourself ... the office is about to get a bit scarier. CareerBuilder.com's latest survey revealed almost one-third of workers plan to or are considering dressing up for Halloween at the office this year. The CareerBuilder.com survey, "Halloween at the Office 2005," was conducted from August 10 to August 22, 2005 of more than 2,450 workers.

Those in need of last-minute costume ideas for trick-or-treating through the cubicles can throw together the following get-ups in a matter of minutes:

1. A Day Off - Using black lettering, write October 30, 2005 or November 1, 2005 on an orange shirt. When people ask what you are, say, "A day off!"
2. Running Late - Show up to the office with messy hair and disheveled clothes with your pajamas showing underneath.
3. Vending Machine - Dress in black and fasten snacks to yourself with the cost of each item displayed. To be really evil, place an "out of order" sign on the real vending machine and charge your coworkers for your snacks. When they pay, make sure you throw their snacks on the ground as the vending machine does.
4. Office Gossip - Make up fun stories about your coworkers. Fasten the stories to yourself and put the name of your favorite grocery store tabloid on a hat. Hang around the water cooler and invite people to read the latest news.
5. Pink Slip - No one ever wants to be served the dreaded pink slip at work. Wear a pink slip over your work clothes and chase your coworkers.
6. Post-it Note - Wear all yellow. When people say trick or treat at your cube, pass out real post-it notes.
7. Red tape - Buy red tape and tape it all over your clothes and cubicle. When people ask what you are, make them cut through some red tape to get the answer.
8. Leftover - Wrap yourself in aluminum foil and give yourself an aluminum swan hat. Place a sign on your chest that says, "Anything left after 4 pm on Friday will be thrown away!"
9. Happy Hour - Wrap a tie around your head and carry around an empty (yes, empty) martini glass with you throughout the day. At 5 pm, scream, "Happy hour!"
10. Headhunter - Carry a mannequin or doll head around with you, holding it by the hair.

For those workers who like a project and have more time to prepare, consider the following:

- Missing Person - Wear all white and use poster board to make a hat that resembles a milk carton. On another piece of poster board, place the picture of an employee who recently left the company and label them missing.
- Floating Holiday - Dress as your favorite holiday icon (Santa, Easter Bunny, Leprechaun, etc.) Place cotton around your shoes to look like clouds.
- Boss or Co-worker - There's no greater compliment than imitation, but remember to proceed with caution when dressing up like a colleague!
- Suggestion Box - Take a large cardboard box and fasten rope so you can wear it like a barrel. Put suggestion on the box and take the slips of paper with your coworkers' suggestions. Make sure to respond to them by the end of the day.

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