

Workers Share Which Halloween Characters Their Bosses are Most Like in CareerBuilder Halloween Survey

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Think you need to head to a haunted house to get spooked this Halloween? Think again - some workers report that you don't even have to leave work to get your fill of fright. According to CareerBuilder's Halloween survey conducted among more than 4,000 workers, nearly one-in-five (18 percent) workers describe their workplace as scary.

Some workers think their workplace is scary because their bosses bear a strong resemblance to famous Halloween characters. When asked which popular characters best reflect their boss's behavior, workers said the following:

- Glenda the Good Witch, liked and respected by all - 20 percent
- The Wolf Man, is fine one minute, howling the next - 11 percent
- The Invisible Man, never around - 10 percent
- Casper the Friendly Ghost, eager to help, but often misunderstood - 9 percent
- Dracula, constantly sucking the life right out of you - 6 percent
- Wicked Witch of the West, always acting conniving and sending out minions to do his/her dirty work - 5 percent
- The Mummy, slow-moving and has an ancient thought process - 4 percent

- Grim Reaper, constantly delivers bad news and inspires fear among workers - 3 percent

In addition to spooky bosses, when asked what the scariest part of their job was, workers reported the following fear-inducing activities:

- Workload - 18 percent
- Performance reviews - 9 percent
- Tight deadlines - 9 percent
- Hours worked - 8 percent
- Their boss or supervisor - 7 percent

- Sitting through meetings - 6 percent

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Interactive© on behalf of CareerBuilder.com among 4,285 U.S. workers (employed full-time; not self-employed; and non-government); ages 18 and over between August 20 and September 9, 2009 (percentages for some questions are based on a subset, based on their responses to certain questions). With a pure probability sample of 4,285 one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 1.5 percentage points. Sampling error for data from sub-samples is higher and varies.

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