

CareerBuilder Survey Reveals the Most Unusual Requests or Suggestions Hiring Managers Received

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Hiring managers nationwide took some time to bring levity to the workplace in a new CareerBuilder survey. More than 2,900 shared the most memorable requests or recommendations they have received in the office suggestion box. Responses included:

- Request to allow people to change clothes in their cubicles.
- Request to add a tanning bed to the break room.
- Request to put beer in the vending machine.
- Request that jail time be covered under family medical leave.
- Request to institute bikini Fridays.
- Request to only be required to work during daylight hours because employee is scared of the dark.
- Request for a special smoking area for medical marijuana.
- Request that the HR person wear nicer shoes.
- Request for more time off to pursue side business as a clown.
- Request to replace his desk with a futon so employee could lay down and work.
- Request that the lactation room with gliding chair be used for naps, so everyone can use it.
- Request to install a swimming pool for employees to use.

- Request to have the team meeting to be held in Hawaii.

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Interactive© on behalf of CareerBuilder.com among 2,924 U.S. Hiring Managers (employed full-time; not self-employed; non government); ages 18 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 2,924 one could say with a 95 percent probability that the overall results have a sampling error of +/- 1.81 percentage points. Sampling error for data from sub-samples is higher and varies.

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