

OFFICE WORKERS ARE BIGGEST LIARS

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82% of office workers admit to lying for their manager on a daily basis, compared to just 19% of retail workers and 13% of labourers, officially making office workers the biggest liars.

A study of 1,322 British workers found that 82% of people lie on behalf of their managers every day and more than half have had to take the flak for a managerial error; resulting in 17% of British employees getting into trouble with senior management or clients.

The research, commissioned by the UK's leading recruitment scoring website www.HireScores.com found that 82% of office workers have lied about their manager either being on the other line, being in an important meeting or being away on business, when their boss wanted to avoid a conversation.

In addition, 62% of office workers admit to lying about the above regularly throughout the day and 1 in 3 believe their boss would actually be annoyed if they didn't lie to prevent unwanted calls coming through.

When asked how many people lie for their manager on a daily basis, the following responses were found;

Office workers – 82% lie for their manager throughout the day

Retail sector – 19%

Labourers – 13%

Police/Forces – 9%

Health sector – 5%

HireScores.com found that almost 1 in 5 British office workers have taken the blame for their manager's slip-up, which has resulted in fairly serious complaints from senior management and clients.

Lisette Howlett, Managing Director of HireScores.com comments on these findings;

"As an HR Professional, I'm always discussing what to do if an employee has lied on their C.V. or if they've phoned in sick and then get spotted in town, but to find out that so many managers are amidst these lies is quite a surprise.

"It is also an interesting phenomenon in terms of business ethics. Companies spend so much time, money and rhetoric on treating customers fairly and yet there is a high level of institutionalised dishonesty. It appears to be part of the normal fabric of doing business."

Howlett continues;

"On the face of it, most lying within an office environment is for convenience and speed but when does a minor lie become a major one – and how can employers be sure that everyone draws the line in the same place and how does the boss manage dishonesty in one area when they condone, if not benefit from it in another?"

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Lisette has over 20 years industry experience with such firms as ICI, Zeneca/AstraZeneca and Syngenta as well as local government and the public sector.

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