Men behaving badly

STAY OUT OF TROUBLE BY AVOIDING THESE FIVE KEY PERSONAL FOULS

Percentage of athletes who think most jocks would rather win than play completely fairly

- Percentage of men who’ve taken a phone call on a first date: 14%
- Percentage of those men who didn’t score a second date: 61%

Play up the intrigue: If a business call is truly unavoidable, warn her. “Tell her you’re in the midst of this crazy deal,” says Ian Kerner, Ph.D., author of DSI: Date Scene Investigation. When you hang up, give her some insight into your conversation. “It becomes a way of telling her a little more about yourself.” Bam—you’ve scored some points. Now mute the phone and focus on her.

Percentage of managers who say they’d fire an employee for bad office behavior: 70%

Don’t pick fights: If you confront a higher-up about inappropriate actions—being rude or offensive, for instance—you might find yourself in the crosshairs instead, says workplace psychologist Marie McIntyre, Ph.D. Instead, voice your concerns to your boss, and let the boss decide how to handle it. “If the guy is on your level, on the other hand, then just offer polite, private feedback,” she says.

Percentage of men who’ve pilfered a coworker’s snack from the office fridge: 47%

Help a buddy out: If a joke falls flat, acknowledge the teller’s effort to connect. Don’t belly-laugh—the insincerity will be obvious—but make light of his flop by gently poking fun. “This saves him by making the situation funny,” says Post.

Percentage of jokesters who feel compelled to one-up a clever witticism: 17%

Percentage who feign laughter when a friend’s joke bombs: 54%