Examples of Unprofessional Activity

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When the president of Sony was escorted out of the building on Madison Ave., I was entering to deliver recordings from the studio I was interning at. This was during the payola scandal in 2005.

People throwing stuff out that wasn't theirs; people taking other people's programs and looking at them then building off of them.

Absolutely, engineers protecting procedures for job security.

Employee stole some secrets and left the company and made his own company.

I worked for a company where my boss did not ask questions to the most qualified person simply because she was a woman and his background was such that he thought women were inferior.

Many people at my company use profanity in the workplace. Even though it is only within the department, it is still unprofessional.

Unprofessional behavior I have seen is when on employee was cursing at another employee calling him a woman and insulting him. It was very bad.

The most unprofessional behavior I witnessed was multiple "fights" between employees while working.

I have seen girls get paid less than guys.

I experienced discrimination on people being from different countries. Also seen discrimination regarding gender issues on that the men get more important jobs.

Co-workers telling racist/discriminatory jokes; porn.

I used to work for an IT department, and when we received computers for service from our own employees, some had quite a large amount of porn on them. Usually a blind eye was turned on this.

There was a flash drive full of funny video that got passed around the office. One of the videos was a porn blooper. I know the flash drive should not have existed in the first place, but that one video was too far.

Had a guy who sent an e-mail around. He sent it to other guys. It had images (gay porn).

Co-workers discussing hook-ups and drunken events; males talking about how some females are easy.

Talk of getting drunk and macking on girls.

When I went out to lunch with "a bunch of the guys," there was non-stop sexual and slander joke making.

Unprofessional behavior: excessive swearing; porn on computer; racial banter, inappropriate jokes.

People talking about unappropriate subjects (sexual) or making fun of people/jobs. Very light, my job was very professional otherwise.

We had a woman on our engineering team. She was very attractive. Whenever she was present, everyone was very professional. However, when she wasn't around, the other team members would make sexual remarks about her.

I worked for a hardware development team that was all men. One of the team members who was not affiliated with my team as an intern would hang around my cubicle and would call me "babe" when other people were not around. One day, after lunch, I came back into my cubicle and found a box of chocolates. He was known for having a strong personality, and my manager asked me if everything was OK, so I never raised the issue.

Several of my co-workers, but me in particular, were very vulgar regarding women, sex, etc. It was never directed to anyone, so not harassment, but the jokes often crossed the line of decency. Damn funny though.

Unnecessary language in the workplace; incorrect time sheets; sexual harassment.

I have seen: use of abusive/inappropriate language; gossip regarding other employees; violation of standard working hours.

Long drawn out conversation and debate about religion during work hours. This was not on a break or during lunch. Could offend people.

I have seen lying on time sheets. Since people were obligated to fill them out by theirselves, they would add overtime. Witnessed fellow employees take extra lunch time to go to the bar and then return to work intoxicated.

Long lunches; dirty jokes.

People cheating on time sheet.

I worked at a company where some employees had others log them in on the computer. They were late.

Extended lunches; showing up late and leaving early.

I have seen bosses who show up extremely late and take long lunch breaks and are rarely accessible.

There was an engineer that worked on my floor that would play more solitaire than do actual work in a given day.

In my co-op the engineers would spend a great deal of time surfing the Internet as opposed to working.

When I worked in a professional engineer environment, I saw people leave early from work without solving customer's question.

On multiple occasions, I observed a senior engineer often take extended lunch hours as well as leaving work earlier.

Some workers would sneak off and hide in places they knew wouldn't be found in order to avoid doing a job.

I have seen people pretending to work and doing nothing.

At a time, my mentor and I went to another company, then they just had a coffee for the entire afterwards (they could go back to company after they've done the research).

During the time I spent at my internship, my boss and I used to take almost every Friday off for a "company boat trip" and raced speedboats.

I have seen the lunch time be expanded upon in my work experience. Usually this was only done on a Friday. Most everyone did it, and it was usually an hour and a half to 1 hour and 45 minutes long.

At the company I worked at, taking long lunches and breaks was a regular occurrence. At least once a week it happened.

Long lunch hours; going home early.

Long lunch/breaks.

Long lunch breaks.

The most common thing I've seen is taking extra long lunches.

I have seen a few instances of cheating on time sheets, but the nature of my work does allow for some flexibility.

Drink beer at work during work hours.

Drink coffee or some food in the limited room which has sensitive machines.

I have seen too much horseplay in a set of cubicles.

Sending the intern to get frosties 3 days a week.

A new college hire wasn't getting to do the work he wanted to do, and so he threatened to leave the company to work for someone else.

Stealing office supplies.

Stealing supplies (e.g., multimeters, soldering irons, crimps, cables (category 4 and 5)).

Stealing my coffee powder.

I have not seen anything that bad. Just a lack of respect for some of my co-workers.

I have not had a job in engineering. A lot of cell phone use in the warehouse. Some stealing (picture frames).

At my company, the engineers were not respected by upper management, and the engineers had no respect for upper management because the company presidents were involved in alleged bribery as well as illicit use of proprietary information for personal gain.

Mostly small disregard for the employers.

Talking bad a lot about the boss behind his back.

I cannot recall seeing any serious unprofessional behavior in the workplace.

I haven't seen any unethical scenarios.

I have not witnessed anything I can consider unethical.

None witnessed.

I had not experienced much to notice any behavior.

I have not observed unprofessional behavior in the workplace before.

I haven't seen such a thing at least at my workplace.

Unprofessional behavior: None!

I haven't seen one yet!

No unprofessional behavior was observed on the job site.

I did not see anything unprofessional.

I've never personally witnessed unprofessional behavior at any of the places I've worked.

I cannot say I have seen any particular cases of this within my workplace.

I saw very little if any unprofessional behavior during my co-op.

My internships were in very professional workplaces.