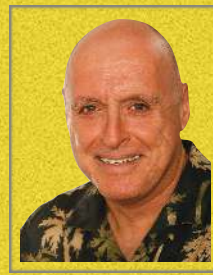


THE EXTRA POINT

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268 Possible Signs That You're About to be Fired

Nobody likes to think about it but it happens to millions of workers every year. They get fired from their job. For some it's a total surprise, but should it have been? I'm Jerry Roberts and today, telltale signs that you might lose your job, on The Extra Point.

- Your boss stops asking you for any kind of input. It's not a good sign.
- Even worse, if the boss wants input from your department, he/she starts asking others for it...just not you.
- The boss seems to be documenting everything when it comes to you and your performance. Why would they be doing that?
- It could be a warning signal if some of your key duties are being transferred to coworkers.
- I don't like this one, you've been asked to train someone else so that they can do your job. They say it's part of their cross-training initiative.
- You haven't been hitting your goals, and nobody is questioning you about that any more.
- It could be that the boss is a jerk, but it could also be trouble if he/she humiliates you in front of other people.
- It's also not good if you're no longer invited to key meetings or brainstorming sessions. One meeting here or there may not be cause for worry, but if it persists this is a big red flag.
- * Your boss seems to compliment other employees, but not you.
- Nobody shares information with you any more. You're left out of email threads. You have to directly ask other employees about what's going on in the company.
- It may be time to get that resume updated if your boss asks for a list of everything you are working on...and to create a job description for your position.
- If you notice that just about everything you do seems to annoy your boss and you're receiving continual negative feedback, maybe you're being sent a message.
- No matter what you do or how hard you work, nobody ever praises you for your achievements.
- Oh-oh, possible red alert — Your project deadlines just got moved up ... all of them... and they're all due at about the same time.
- It also could signify a problem if your boss leaves the company, or the company has been bought out.
- Ouch...your access to certain data is now limited or cut off.
- And not the way you want to start the day, you open the Guam Daily Post and see that your company is advertising your job? I don't believe it. How rude!

Well, there you have it, 17 warning signs that your job may be coming to a close. I hope it never happens to you.

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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