

## HOW TO SUCCEED IN YOUR FIRST JOB?



AVOID THIS	AND DO THIS INSTEAD
Arriving late	Plan on arriving 10 minutes ahead of time
Talking behind an employee's or the employer's back in the workplace	Dare to speak to the person concerned or set your limits
Accepting all the work shifts the employer asks of you	Accept shifts, taking into account your personal limitations and those related to school (exam period, schoolwork deadlines, stress, etc.)
Refusing all requests for additional work made by the employer or an employee	Demonstrate flexibility, because if you do a favour for someone, it may come in handy when you ask for a favour in return (asking someone to replace you or asking for time off, for example)
Wasting time if the task you had to do is finished Spending time on your cell phone	Look around and see if there's something you can do; check to see if someone else is swamped with work and needs help; find out if there's something else you could do; show initiative
Staying in your own "bubble", withdrawing	Show interest in the others; dare to speak or ask questions; withdraw for a few minutes if you need to (e.g., if you have a surge of anxiety, just long enough to calm down)
Changing jobs at the slightest frustration	Dare to speak up about what's wrong or what's unjust; or speak up about what you'd like to do, what your short- and medium-term goals are (move up the ladder or change positions); take the time to reflect on your desire to change jobs and don't act impulsively
Accepting inappropriate words or gestures	Set your limits and dare to speak up and denounce the situation
Believing that you're all-powerful, that you're able to do anything and know everything when beginning	Have the confidence to ask to start your new job gradually, at your own pace; give yourself time to learn
Comparing yourself to the others	Bring your focus back to yourself; remember that every person is different, as well as every context