

Creative excuses for being late to work

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If being late to work were not a problem, no one would need to come up with an excuse.

But people do – trying to appease the boss with a reason for their tardiness – and that can lead to strange clues on what's happening outside of the workplace.

“I had to wait for the judge to set my bail.” “There was a stranger sleeping in my car.” “I was drunk and forgot which Waffle House I parked my car next to.”

CareerBuilder, a Chicago employment services firm, shared some of the findings from an online Harris poll of 2,100 human resource managers and 3,000 workers that found 23 percent of employees admitting to being late at least once a month. Fourteen percent said they were late at least once a week.

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