

Romance in the office—Part I

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Now that Valentine's Day is more than three weeks past, it's time to consider romance again, only this time, perchance with more common sense. Now, I mentioned the phrase "office romance" to several of my coworkers, and their reactions were almost unanimous: Don't go there.

And while that is probably good advice, we all know that what the heart wants, the heart goes for (restraining order and all). And so this Wednesday and Friday I'm going to explore the exciting world (and potential mine field) of love and the working person.

Love finds a way

You're young, you're hot, and you know it. Or you're middle-aged, still smoldering (even if it's on the inside, baby, baby), and brimming with wisdom. It really doesn't matter your age, your previous experience, or even your sexual orientation. Everyone needs love, everyone wants love, and everyone seeks it out (and some in ways that are, shall we say...less than wise).

So it's just natural that when you spend more than 40 hours a week working with, eating with, getting coffee with, attending meetings with, or even just passing by the same people every day, certain feelings are bound to bubble up to the surface—feelings that have nothing to do with improving this year's fiscal results.



Having a loved one in the workplace can be a marvelous way to feel good and earn a living at the same time. It can also be a very dangerous undertaking. Remember Jim and Pam, of the wildly popular TV show "The Office," met at the office and fell in love there, too. But their romance is not without its complications.

Tomorrow we'll look at the pros and cons of office romances.

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