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## Is Your Career in Danger – 4 Signs That Say It Is

The market has never fully recovered after the recent stunning recession and neither has the employment scene. Hence, employers are still looking for ways to tighten their belts by laying off employees who they think are not really contributing to the overall goals of the organization. Check out the following four indicators to know whether you are in the danger zone:

1. **Quick to Contradict or Disagree With Your Boss** - While it is true that sometimes you are correct and your boss is not, do not be too quick in getting into an argument about it, or contradict him in public while proving your point. Remember, he is the boss; you have to do your best at all times to support him. When he is wrong, bring it up as diplomatically as possible and definitely in private.
2. **Cannot Work in a Team** - It is extremely important that you know how to build and work in a team. If you feel that anyone in your team is taking all the credit, or victimizing you by having you work more, work hard to resolve the problems between the two of you. You have to work well within a team as well as by yourself.
3. **Over Promise and Under Deliver** - You should always under promise and over deliver. That is the way to the top. If you bring up the expectation of your team members and your boss and under deliver, you will soon be holding the pink slip. This might not be as much for your lack of performance, than for highlighting it through inadequate big talk about your abilities. Learn to underplay your ability to beat the deadline so everyone will love you for (1) achieving it, and (2) doing it effectively and without bragging about it.
4. **Inability to Accept Any Type of Criticism** - Whether the criticism comes from a well-wishing colleague, your boss or an enemy - you need to listen and listen very carefully. Good things might be concocted; but when criticism comes your way, treat it as the truth. If you do not immediately agree with the things highlighted in the work criticism, you need to accept that there are more ways than one to look at something.

Be humble and check and re-check whether the criticism is deserved or not. If yes, put in all you have to improve and thank the person for the heads-up; if not, at least be aware of what negative points you are projecting, so you can minimize these as time goes on.