



OFFICE OF  
CAREER SERVICES

# Negative Impressions Made on Employers

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- Poor personal appearance
  - Overbearing, overaggressive, conceited, "superiority complex" and "know it all"
  - Inability to express self clearly, poor voice, diction, grammar
  - Lack of planning for career; no purpose and goal
  - Lack of interest and enthusiasm, passive, indifferent
  - Lack of confidence and poise, nervousness, ill at ease
  - Failure to participate in activities
  - Overemphasis on money, interest only in best dollar offer
  - Poor scholastic record
  - Unwilling to start at the bottom, expects too much too soon
  - Makes excuses, evasiveness, hedges on unfavorable factors in record
  - Lack of tact
  - Lack of courtesy, ill-mannered
  - Condemnation of past employers
  - High pressure type
  - Fails to look interviewer in the eye
  - Limp, fishy hand-shake
  - Asks no questions about job
  - Sloppy application form
  - Merely shopping around
  - Wants job only short time
  - Little sense of humor
  - Lack of knowledge of field or specialization
  - No interest in company or industry
  - Emphasis on who he/she knows
  - Unwillingness to relocate
  - Intolerant, strong prejudices
  - Failure to express appreciation of the interviewer's time
  - Late to interview without good reason
  - Never heard of company