



Conversations at work

Everyone has a right to feel comfortable and respected at work. Some things are ok to talk about at work, and other things might make some people feel unwelcome. You can help create a respectful workplace by thinking about whether your conversation topics are **appropriate**.



Appropriate means it's the right time, place, and situation for a certain action or topic.

Activity



Look at the list of topics below. Think about whether each topic is safe and appropriate to discuss at work. Check off the option that you think is right. You can talk about it with a partner or in a group.

Topic	Ok for work	Not ok for work	I'm not sure
What political party someone supports			
How much money your spouse makes			
Your daughter's dance recital			
Last week's snowstorm			
Your supervisor's divorce			
Favourite foods			
Tonight's basketball game			
Your religion			



Let's talk about it

- Which topics do you feel most comfortable talking about at work? Why do you think you feel comfortable talking about them?
- Which topics do you feel least comfortable talking about at work? Why do you think those topics are uncomfortable?
- Did everyone in your group agree about which topics were comfortable and which were uncomfortable?
- What should you do if you're not sure how people you work with feel about a conversation topic?