

Office etiquette: What's the worst offense?

While some employees can tolerate co-workers' swearing and rude behavior, don't even think about touching their ham sandwiches. The absolute most offensive thing an office worker can do to colleagues is to steal their food from the office fridge, says a new TheLadders.com survey of 2,500 U.S. employees.

A full 98% agreed that fridge raiding was unacceptable workplace etiquette. Respondents also cited, in order: bad hygiene, bad habits, drinking on the job, swearing, wasting paper, cooking smelly food in the microwave and using a BlackBerry in meetings.

"In every office there exists an invisible line between professional and unprofessional," says TheLadders.com CEO Marc Cenedella.