

Scenario 1

I have been invited to a party at my best friend's house. My best friend is moving to another state tomorrow and I likely will not see her/him again for many years. We have been through good and bad times together since high school.

I have a presentation due to my boss first thing tomorrow morning. I don't have it done. I have never missed a deadline and always come prepared to work. My reputation at work is really good. I am also sure that if I do well on my presentation, I will get a promotion.

How will my decision impact my reputation?

Why should I care?

What should I do?

Scenario 2

People at work know me as a positive team member. I work hard to lift people up and lead from where I am. I am friendly!

A new employee has been hired who doesn't like me much. It bothers him that I am more popular at work than he is. He has begun saying nasty things about me to other people. I am nervous that my reputation will be damaged.

How do you feel about this?

Why is reputation important to you? Why should you care?

Why is reputation important on the job?

Scenario 3

My reputation at work is not good. My co-workers don't talk much to me. They actually think I don't care about them or the work we do. People say I am crabby and hard to get along with. I really keep to myself.

I really do like people. I usually don't know what to say to my co-workers. It is hard for me to start a conversation. I would like to turn this around and have people think well of me but I don't know how to do this.

How does this make you feel?

Why is this important?

What first steps should I set to turn this around?

How long do you think this will take?

Is there anyone that can help me?

Scenario 4

My employer has a really good reputation. We are known to be respectful to all employees, that we deliver products on time and that the quality of our work is excellent.

Yesterday I was at the grocery store and overheard one of my staff complaining about MDI. He was saying that it was a lousy place to work, that he wasn't paid enough and that his supervisor was mean. He was saying this to the cashier in the check-out line.

How important is a business's reputation? Why?

How hard or easy is it for a business to lose its good reputation?

What might you do if you are in this situation?