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If you had to rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 10 for being a "good boss" what would it be?

When the Canadian government started a "bad boss hotline" for employee complaints, there was so many calls it burnt out the line in just a few hours. Would your employees use such a service to complain about you?

Do the following quiz and find out if you are a good boss or not. Then plan ways to improve your bossing skills.

Rating:

0 - no

1 - sometimes

2 - always

- A) You can easily be approached by ALL types of people.
- B) You give accurate and logical answers to questions.
- C) If you don't know the answer to a question, you will seek out the answer and then convey it back to the person who asked it.
- D) You are always accessible by some means of communication.
- E) You look for ways to improve the effectiveness of your operation.
- F) You correct wrongful actions promptly and tactfully.
- G) You check back on things and don't just assume they are done.
- H) You are able to act as a positive representative of your organization to the public.
- I) You follow all the policies, procedures, and tasks, of your organization as they are officially outlined.

J) You are able to designate routine tasks to appropriate personnel.

Score:

15 - 20 You are a great boss already.

7 - 15 You are a good boss but could improve.

0 - 7 You are not a good boss and perhaps should consider going back to being an employee.

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