

Work Space Clutter Undermining Productivity

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It's a mess out there in corporate America ...literally. According to a recent survey conducted by CableOrganizer.com, a full 93 percent of business professionals rate their work space as "cluttered" to some degree, with 8 percent of respondents divulging their work space is "always cluttered." More than a quarter of respondents – a full 30 percent – admit that their work space is so cluttered it actually "hinders productivity," and 11 percent shockingly ask "what work space?," confessing they can't see it through all the clutter. It's no surprise, then, that two-thirds of respondents (66 percent) concede that their mother would not be proud of the way they keep their work space most of the time.

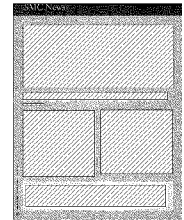
Cluttered work spaces have negative implications far beyond the aesthetic, with the majority of respondents – 64 percent – acknowledging their "emotional state in the office" is "closely tied" to the condition of their work space. A whopping 90 percent of respondents indicate that when their work space is cluttered they are adversely impacted, feeling "disorganized and incompetent" (48 percent), "anxious and frantic" (22 percent), "embarrassed and self-conscious" (14 percent), or even "downright depressed" (6 percent). Over one-third of respondents (35 percent) mostly feel "productive" when their work space is not cluttered which, as most employers would agree, is a highly desirable state of mind during the course of a work day.

The biggest offender? After "paper and files" (50 percent), "cable and wiring" (8 percent) is the leading singular clutter annoyance. A full one-third of respondents (35 percent) suffer a combination of these and other types of clutter including "knick knacks and décor items," "office supplies," and "equipment and gear."

"Far too many well intentioned business people work in cramped and cluttered conditions which, as these survey results exemplify, can undermine one's ability to be efficient and effective on the job," notes Paul Holstein, co-founder and COO of CableOrganizer.com. "For many workers, order and organization are key to eliminating visual distractions – and maximizing productivity – in a work space. So, how's your work space? ▼

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