# 5Tips for dealing with your *HORRIBLE* boss



# For the micromanager boss.

Set up regular check-in meetings to keep them off your back. By being proactive, you keep your boss informed which will diminish their need to control your every move.



### For the idea thief boss.

Start putting everything in writing when you communicate to create evidence that the brilliant idea began with you.



### For the gossipy boss.

Never engage in gossip with your boss. When it comes up, respectfully shift or end the conversation, even if it risks alienating your boss. He or she will get the message.



# For the bully boss.

You deserve a boss who helps your self-confidence and your career. You deserve civil, professional treatment at work. If your boss could improve his or her behavior, approach them directly in a positive manner instead of leading with a complaint or accusation to HR. If matters turn worse, it may be time to consider involving Human Resources.



## For the absent boss.

A hands-off manager may not realize that failure to provide direction or feedback makes them a bad boss. He or she may actually think they are empowering you. So explain what you need in terms of direction, feedback and support. Be polite, clear and focus on your needs.