

Ask The Expert

Should you friend your boss?

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Q: Should you friend your boss or subordinates on Facebook?

A: “Online networking is a highly effective way for co-workers to connect,” says Melissa Leonard, a certified business etiquette and international protocol consultant

(establishyourselfny.com). “But don’t friend your boss.” If, however, you do, Leonard advises be very careful what you post. No pictures of your night out drinking with the girls or a status about your horrible day at work. If your boss requests to friend you, don’t feel obligated to accept, Leonard says. It’s perfectly fine to be honest and tell him or her that you would rather keep your work and social life separate. If you are the boss, don’t request to friend those who work for you—it puts them in an awkward position.