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It's not all fun and games, you know

As the festive season approaches, invites for spectacular fêtes will soon be flooding your inbox. Most functions are just frivolous fun but one in particular ushers in the worst type of party paranoia: the office celebration. Here are some timely tips to keep you entertained *and* gainfully employed!

Dress to Impress

What you wear to the office party is paramount. Dress down and it looks to your superiors that you just don't care. Dress over the top and some will think that you're paid too much. Try to find the perfect balance. Select nothing too short or too plunging. It's not the time to give the folks from Finance a free show. Make sure that you can dance comfortably and sit down without any major wardrobe malfunctions à la Britney Spears.

To Drink or Not to Drink

For most folks, a celebration just isn't a celebration without getting your drink on. By all means, partake in some holiday cheer but do so within reason. If there ever was a time to be mindful of how much you imbibe, it's at The Company do. Slurring and stumbling over the Sr. V.P. is not going to gain you the keys to the corner office. Watch how the higher-ups present themselves and act accordingly.

Beware of Mistletoe

What's a party without some harmless flirting? It all depends on your definition of harmless! Careless tinsel hockey could result in a) having the embarrassing snog captured by cell phone camera thus becoming the highlight of your colleagues' email the next day or worse b) you clearing your desk on Monday morning. Feeling passionate? Take it outside or better yet home, away from prying eyes.

Schmoozing the Boss

Social functions are the perfect time to make nice with the head honcho. In daily office life, it can be difficult to get to know the executives. By all means, stop by and chat, however there is a correct way to behave. We've all seen the pushy office subordinate monopolize the boss. Don't be a brown-noser. Keep it light, be



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honest, and leave your CV details back in your desk. Remember, your boss is also trying to let his/her hair down. Have a polite conversation and then mingle elsewhere.

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Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All

Mixing booze and the festering feud with that co-worker across the hall is not a cocktail for festive fun. At this time of year, it's ideal to let bad blood dissipate. It's a peaceful time of year. Share a drink with your enemy instead. Make a toast to the truce and remember there's always the next 364 days to resume the rivalry—during office hours, of course.

Gossip a Go Go

Beware of drinking and dishing. It can be extremely difficult to pry yourself away from your office's self-styled Perez Hilton—he's fun and silly—the perfect party pal. If you must take part in a bit of party gossip, be discreet. No pointing and laughing—ever! Never let your subjects know that you're dishing about *them*.

Chocolate Fountain – Yes, Please!

The office party is the one extravaganza of the season where you don't have to pay for anything. Even at your friend's house party, you probably dragged along a bottle of wine or your famous spinach and cheese dip. At the work party, it's all on the house! Ignore calorie counting and elbow your way into the chocolate fountain crush. Indulge and enjoy!

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