13 Movies about Workplace Bullying

What Can We learn?



2011

The Help

The workplace in this moving drama is the home, as this movie follows the difficult working conditions of African American women working as house maids for overbearing, dismissive white women in Mississippi in the civil rights era of the 1960's

Featuring: Octavia Spencer; Viola Davis, Emma

?Awards: Academy Award for Best Actress, Screen Actors Guild Award; Critics Choice Award; Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress; NAACP Image

2007

Bamboozled

A television executive is constantly harassed by his boss, who uses racially charged speech while dismissing his abilities and job

Featuring: Damon Wayans, Savion Glover, Jada Pinkett Smith



2006

A workaholic architect, with a difficult boss, neglects his family and choosing work over his family time. He finds a universal remote that allows him to fast-forward and rewind to different parts of his life. Complications arise when the remote starts to overrule his choices.

Featuring: Adam Sandler; Kate Beckinsale; Christopher Walken; Henry Winkler



2005

Waiting

Young employees at a sports bar/restaurant collectively address their boredom with mischievous antics - all while attempting to serve food to the restaurant patrons.

Featuring: Ryan Reynolds, Anna Faris; Justin Long

2013

The Internship

After losing their sales jobs, two former salesmen fight to remain relevant after joining Google in an internship program competing with young, tech-focused workers competing for a paying job at Google. During the internship, they are bullied by a much younger, college age intern, while working for the manager of the internship program who doubts their abilities. They are considered "dinosaurs".

Featuring: Vince Vaugh, Owen Wilson

2009

Up In the Air

A movie about the bully - who is hired by organizations to do the dirty work - handling layoffs and firings.

Featuring: George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick

?Awards: Golden Globe Award Best Screenplay; MTV Movie Award; NY Film Critics Circle Award for Best Actor

2006

The Devil Wears Prada

A recent college graduate and aspiring journalist takes a job as a junior assistant to the difficult, overbearing editor in chief of a major fashion magazine. Daily bullying from her boss, long hours, and constant threats of losing her job are

Featuring: Meryl Streep, Anne Hathawy, Stanley Tucci



Employee of the Month

A worker hoping to attract the admiration of a female coworker tries to compete with a bullying coworker who has repeatedly won the "Employee of the Month" recognition reward at work. After the workplace bully doesn't win for the first time after 17 consecutive wins, his bullying behavior escalates against the new winner. Bad behavior escalates

Featuring: Dane Cook, Jessica Simpson

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2004

In Good Company

In this comedy, a middle-aged print media salesman played by Dennis Quaid gets a new 26-year-old boss and has to adjust to restructuring, a new corporate culture led by a billionaire.

Featuring: Dennis Quaid; Topher Grace





1995

Tommy Boy

After attending college for 7 years, a recent college graduate returns home to work for the family auto parts business. After his father passes away, Tommy must deal with unfortunate and difficult family members, and take matters into his own hands to save

Featuring: Chris Farley, David Spade

1994 Disclosure

A movie focused on sexual harassment of men by a female, also a former lover, in the workplace. The man later as a hard time proving his innocence, after being accused of sexual harassment by the female in questions.

Featuring: Demi Moore, Michael Douglas,

2000

Boiler Room

This crime drama explores concepts of greed and corruption in business. An excellent ensemble cast takes us into the dark world of a stock brokerage and their cold calling

Featuring: Vin Diesel, Nia Long, Ben Affleck; Scott Caan

1988

Working Girl

In New York City, an administrative assistant works for a boss who takes credit for her ideas. Due to an unexpected medical problems with her boss, she has an opportunity to change her future and takes it - by imitating her boss in her

Featuring: Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver

?Awards: Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress, Golden Globe Award for Best Actress; Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy



Donald Sutherland

Honorable, Mentions

2001

Joe Somebody Office Bully publicly belittles worker in front of

the daughter, who turns to violence in

Featuring: Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Kelly Lynch, Julie Bowen, Kelly Lynch, Greg Germann, Hayden Panettiere, Patrick Warburton, and Jim



Three female secretaries decide they have had enough of their bullying, overbearing, sexist boss and decide to take action.

Featuring: Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton, Dabney Coleman





1996

Big Bully A single father returns to his hometown to

take a position as a teacher at his former high school. Unfortunately, he encounters the bully from his high school years in the form of an adult version, and they must address the issues when their teenage sons begin to exhibit similar behavior.

Julianne Phillips, Carol Lane, and Don Knotts

Featuring: Rick Moranis, Tom Arnold,

