



# **How to Say No!!**



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## **Bad Reputation**







#### **Self Limiting Beliefs**



- If I say no, he/she won't be my friend
  - If someone pressures me to do something not right for me, they're not my friend.



#### **Self Limiting Beliefs**



- If I express displeasure, people won't like me
  - If someone's doing something that could harm them personally or professionally, they would be upset if I could have helped but didn't.



#### **No Hurts**









#### Mom











#### **It Continues**

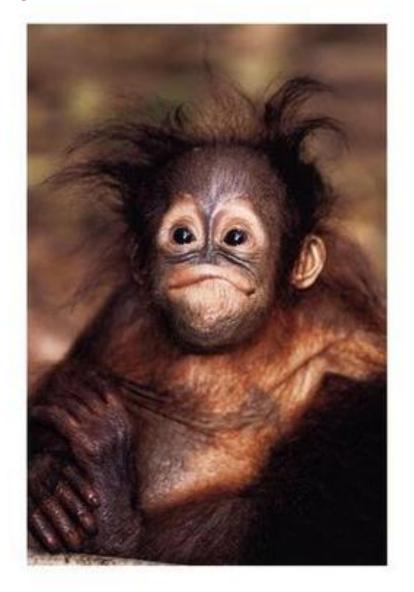






# Whose Monkey?









#### **NO Is Positive**



- Keep you safe
- Set control boundaries
- Educate
- Socialize



# Why say NO?



# Relationships Political

Business





## Say no and mean it

- Direct No
- Reflecting No
- Reasoned No
- Rain check No
- Enquiring No
- Broken record No





## Still Can't Say No?

- IT people need praise
   & recognition
- Females even more so
  - Nurture
  - Helping
  - Get along (non aggressive)
  - Hint Language







# **Saying No**

- Want to say yes
  - Desire to play
  - Desire to please
  - Fear of delegation
- Easy no
- Difficult No



# Not enough time?







#### Look familiar?











# No is NOT a four letter word!

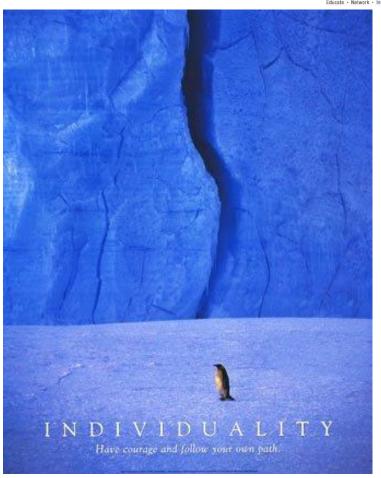






#### You have rights!

- To your own values
- Not to give reasons
- To say no
- To take time
- To ask questions
- Change your mind
- To like yourself
- To make mistakes
- To positive relationships





#### **Strategy**



- OK to ask for time
- Use non-verbals for emphasis
- No is honorable
- Empathy
- Start with No





#### **Strategies**



Firm voice
Use suitable facial expressions
Posture and gestures

Listen

Ask questions

Seek win-win



#### **Practice**



- You are asked to do additional work
- Your sister asks you to accompany her to an event.







#### **Questions/Comments?**





