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# Survey: Majority of Canadian Workers Comfortable Looking for New Job While Employed

*Many Respondents Also Likely to Conduct Job Search Activities at Work*

TORONTO, Nov. 5, 2018 /CNW/ - Most Canadian professionals feel confident testing the employment waters, even from their current office, research suggests. In a survey from global staffing firm Accountemps, 79 per cent of workers said they would feel at least somewhat comfortable looking for a new job while with their present company. More than half of respondents (57 per cent) indicated they'd likely conduct search activities from work.

Workers were asked, "**While still employed, how comfortable would you feel looking for a new job?** Their responses:

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| **Very comfortable** | **41%** |
| **Somewhat comfortable** | **38%** |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 16% |
| Very uncomfortable | 6% |
| | 101%* |

**Responses do not total 100 per cent due to rounding.*

Respondents were also asked about the likelihood that they would conduct job search activities while at work. Their responses:

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| **Very likely** | **26%** |
| **Somewhat likely** | **31%** |
| Not very likely | 23% |
| Not likely at all | 20% |
| | 100% |

The survey revealed that professionals ages 18 to 34 were the most open to conducting job search activities at work (63 per cent), compared to those ages 35 to 54 (54 per cent), and 55 and older (45 per cent).

"It's fine to search for a job while employed, just make every effort to ensure your hunt doesn't affect or jeopardize your current position," said David King, Canadian president of Accountemps. "Remain respectful of your company and colleagues throughout the process. Look for roles and schedule interviews on your own time and be discrete on social media to avoid potentially damaging your work relationships or professional reputation."

"Limit possible job hunt distractions during work hours," added King. "Use personal devices and resources to explore new positions and consider engaging a staffing firm to assist with outreach or logistics, so you stay productive while still advancing your search."

**About the Research**

The online survey was developed by Accountemps and conducted by an independent research firm. It includes responses from more than 400 Canadian workers 18 years of age or older and employed in office environments.

**About Accountemps**

Accountemps, a Robert Half company, is the world's first and largest specialized staffing service for temporary accounting, finance and bookkeeping professionals. The staffing firm has more than 300 locations worldwide. More resources, including job search services and the company's blog, can be found at roberthalf.ca/accountemps.

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