

My office has just six people besides myself.

Is it appropriate to invite only the four I'm "friendly" with to a Sunday barbecue, and not the two with whom I maintain an "all business" relationship, or should I just suck it up and invite everyone?

**Just don't diss the uninvited.** When inviting a select few co-workers, do it discreetly and away from the office (try calling them in the evening) to make it clear this a "nonoffice" event. Also, be careful not to rant and rave the next day in front of the uninvited about what a great time you all had. Finally, try varying your routine: Socializing with pals is fine, but consider holding get-togethers every now and then where everyone in the office is invited.

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## **Business Friends and Barbecues: Who to Include**

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