

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

MODULE 30



HOME-BASED CAREER DO'S AND DON'TS

Thinking of launching a career in which you can work from home? Consider these key points in your planning process:

- ♦ **Don't** be sucked in by those dozens of e-mails you probably get every day pushing get-rich-quick schemes and too-good-to-be-true work-at-home offers.
- ♦ Same goes for those opportunities you see posted on little signs stuck in the ground along the road or plastered onto telephone poles.
- ♦ **Do** research work-at-home opportunities scrupulously, and read some good articles on avoiding scams.
- ♦ **Do** consider your own passions and interests when thinking about starting your own home-based business.
- ♦ Then check out books and web sites that offer lists of home-business ideas to see if others have been successful doing what you'd like to do.
- ♦ Find lots of good ideas at [Work at Home & Home Business Ideas](#) and [Find the Hot Home Business for You](#).
- ♦ We offer capsule reviews of two books of work-at-home ideas. And you can find a larger collection of [Work-at-Home Books](#) in our online bookstore.
- ♦ **Do** think about whether you might need additional training to proceed with your chosen home-based career and look into obtaining that training.
- ♦ **Do** determine whether you have the right kind of personality to successfully work at home. Scrutinize your discipline and ability to work without much social stimulation.
- ♦ Decide if you're assertive enough to sell your product or service. Ask yourself if you're self-motivated, or do you need someone to tell you what to do?

- ♦ Do know what to expect from a home-based career?
- ♦ Seek out people with home-based careers and interview them.
- ♦ Many sites devoted to home-based careers have message boards or online discussion forums where you can get a feel for what you might be getting yourself into.
- ♦ Don't be daunted by the costs of working at home, but do calculate what it will cost you to work at home, and determine whether you can afford it.