



## Your Better Half Can't Be Your Boss

- Postal policy provides that a Postal Service employee cannot directly report to his or her spouse.
- There must be at least one level of supervision between spouses at all times.
- This is because a criminal law prohibits a Postal Service employee from participating in a particular matter that would affect the financial interests of his or her spouse.

Ensuring that a spouse does not directly report to his or her spouse maintains a work environment free from favoritism allegations and helps the supervisory spouse avoid criminal liability.

And that's smart business.

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