



You may consider keeping the cards but put them in a draw and reserve their use for dire emergencies.

If you have kept up with the current trends in the workplace you should know that in these times there is no such thing as job security. The closest you can come to such a situation is to create an environment at work where you appear to be indispensable. Your goal will be to make management think they cannot get along without you. Learn new skills to make your value to the company more noticeable and above all, remove the terms, "it's not my job" from your vocabulary. As an employer I would be seeking out those multi-talented personnel that can provide the most for my organization. Accept added responsibility at work and develop an "I can do" type of attitude.

Always be prepared for the inevitable as lay-offs can and do occur during recessions. Maintain a current resume and always develop a network of contacts. Many open positions in recessive economies are filled merely by word of mouth. Financially, during "feast" times build up an emergency fund for those possible times of "famine". Make the necessary changes in your current lifestyle now in order to break any costly habits that you may have developed during the good years. Do you really need that second set of shoes? Aren't four business suits a bit too much for one person? Cut back now and you will be glad if and when you lose your present job.

Remember, activities relating to your job security can change at a moment's notice so sit down with your spouse and plan a course of action now and don't wait for the emergency to happen.