

**Ridiculous Sample Safety Rules
That Just Don't Make Sense!**
(Ideas that you really want to avoid...)

- 1. Work safety at all times.**
Employee Thought: "Really? I wouldn't have thought of that..."
- 2. Wear all necessary personal protective equipment.**
Employee Thought: "What is this...where do I get this stuff?"
- 3. Don't do anything unsafe without clearing it with your supervisor.**
Employee Thought: "Ok, so this means I can do unsafe work. Wow, that's good to know!"
- 4. Report all incidents to the safety department.**
Employee Thought: "What is an incident – can you define this?"
- 5. Don't lift more than you can safely.**
Employee Thought: "How have we all determined that? At my interview no one told me the lifting requirements for this job."
- 6. Lock out machinery whenever possible.**
Employee Thought: "Are there times that it's not possible to lock out machinery that is broken?"
- 7. Wear a respirator when using chemicals.**
Employee Thought: "Duh...now please tell me that you have a class on respirator use and proper filters for chemicals that I will be exposed to...where will I get this equipment?"
- 8. Practice safety until it becomes a habit.**
Employee Thought: "Is this going to be 1 day, 2 weeks, 1 year? How long will this take?"
- 9. Always be willing to participate fully in all group safety meetings and plant safety promotional programs.**
Employee Thought: "If I don't – will I be demoted? What is this – a "brownie-point" group deal...what does participation mean? Will you want me to sell cookies, harass my co-workers...what?"
- 10. Exercise your best judgment and give undivided attention to the task at hand.**
Employee Thought: "Duh....."

11. Rings on fingers can present serious hazards. In those areas designated, rings will not be allowed.

Employee Thought: "I have not gotten my wedding band off my fat fingers in 25 years...this isn't happening!"

12. Never stack materials too high in the warehouse.

Employee Thought: "What's too high? ...when it starts tumbling down?"

13. All electrical equipment must be properly grounded before use.

Employee Thought: "Another Duh....."

14. Only underwriter approved flashlights may be used when making inspections in the plant.

Employee Thought: "Don't you provide these flashlights? If so, aren't you, as the employer, making sure we have this equipment?"

15. Be able to reach all firefighting equipment.

Employee Thought: "Really? ...you want me to fight fires here too?"

16. Each employee is expected to exhibit a safe attitude?

Employee Thought: "How? ...should I wear stickers on my hard hat? ...Will staying awake during safety meetings help?"