

Self-Test: Do you have these skills?

Scenario A:

You are at work in a convenience store and spend the afternoon setting up a very detailed display featuring the item of the month. Later that day, your boss comes in and notices that the wrong item is featured on the display. In front of you, the boss reprimands your co-worker who he thinks featured the wrong item. Do you let your co-worker take the blame so you don't get in trouble or do you step up?

Your Answer:

Scenario B:

You are currently working as a truck driver for a large corporation based in Illinois. You have just returned from a cross country haul when you run into a fellow truck driver from the same company. You stop to talk to him for a few minutes and he mentions that he's been driving and hasn't been feeling well lately. You notice that he looks very tired. He says he has to start another drive that night. What do you do?



Answer:

Answers:

Scenario A:

Tell your boss. Don't wait, speak up and say that it was you who set up the wrong display. That shows you can take responsibility for your own actions and that you know how to act ethically even when faced with negative consequences. Show that you have integrity because you are being honest instead of taking the easy way out. Learn from this mistake, and in the future make sure you double check if you need more information to complete a task. It was good to take initiative, but if you are not sure of the requirements for completing the task, get the information before you begin.

Scenario B:

Driving a semi and ensuring safety is a serious matter. Remind him that he should not be driving in this condition. He can talk to the boss and get medical help for his sleeping problems before he goes back onto the road. If he refuses, let your boss know about the situation. Although you might not want to tell on your co-worker, you know about a possible life threatening situation. Show integrity by abiding by the rules and taking responsibility for your co-worker.



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