Disasters at Work Role-play Scenarios

- 1. You and another employee get into a heated argument over who should represent the company at an all-expenses-paid yearly convention in Hawaii. Things turn nasty but must be resolved before the boss returns.
- 2. You know for a fact that a co-worker is cheating your employer by padding his expense account. You must discuss the issue with him or take other measures that may end in felony charges.
- 3. You receive an Outstanding Employee award and must make a few remarks. Your boss has requested the remarks be about professionalism in the workplace. It's time for you to speak.
- 4. You left proprietary information displayed on your computer when you left for the weekend. Your supervisor found it Monday morning before you arrived and has called a private meeting.
- 5. You are working a full-time job while you go to college. You lost your uniform and have no idea where it is. It costs \$75 to replace, but you don't have the money. You are afraid you'll be fired and you really need this job. It's time to face the boss.
- 6. An employee under your supervision is regularly late for work. You must develop an improvement plan and meet with him or her to discuss it. You anticipate a heated rebuttal to the charge and must be ready. You meet with the employee today.
- 7. A bag of pretzels that you really want is stuck in the vending machine after you paid for it. You are already having a bad morning and you just lose it. Your boss is afraid you have anger management issues and has scheduled a meeting for 2 p.m.
- 8. Your boss sees you perusing job boards in your building. The response of "I'm looking for a friend" is not going to work. You are called into the boss's office and are scared of being fired. What happens now?
- 9. You work at an upscale retail shop where the motto is that the customer is never wrong. Now you have a customer very loudly accusing you of waiting on other customers before her because she is a member of a minority group. Nothing you say to her is making things better. Here comes your boss.
- 10. Your after-school job is at a candy store. Many youngsters visit daily with their mother or baby sitter. You see a little boy putting candy in his pocket and—wouldn't you know it?—you recognize him as being your principal's son. What will you do?