

Laughter is the best medicine. No one is allowed to make mistakes these days. Someone is bound to call you a fool. And because I do not want to look like a fool, I am careful both when I speak and when I write. For example, I spend a great deal of time going over my column looking for mistakes. I still fail to catch them all. However, I am in good company. Here is a list of some signs that shows what can happen when you are not careful.

--A sign in an office read: After break, the staff should empty the coffee pot and stand upside down on the draining board.

--Another one read: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

--A sign posted on a health food store: Closed due to illness.

--A repair shop post: We can fix anything...Please knock, the doorbell doesn't work.

--An advertisement for a second hand shop...We exchange anything: bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain.

--A road sign in a safari park: Elephants, please stay in your car.

--One on a restroom door read: Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

To continue, here is a list of some newspaper headlines:

--Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge.

--Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures.

--Experts Says Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash.

--Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges.

--Miners Refuse to Work After Death.

--Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers.

--Hospitals Sued by Seven Foot Doctors.

--Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter.

Do you see now why I spend so much time proof-reading my column? Why people would be laughing in church and no one would take me seriously. The best friend you will ever have is one who will let you make a mistake and laugh with you (not at you). They are the ones who will accept you for who you really are. They will get you through the tough times in life. Making a mistake is not the end of the world. Perhaps it is just the beginning of a better one.

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