Everyday Ethics Scenarios

TAKING A BREAK

You're working a shift at a grocery store. Your friend, who also works there, takes longer breaks than allowed and asks you not to tell the manager.

What do you think you should do?

FINDING MONEY

While cleaning at a restaurant, you find a \$20 bill on the floor. No one is around, and you're not sure who it belongs to.

What do you think you should do?

CLOCKING IN TO WORK

Your friend at work asks you to clock in for them because they're going to be 10 minutes late.

What do you think you should do?

TAKING SHORTCUTS

At your job in a warehouse, a coworker skips a safety step to save time. They tell you to do the same so you can finish faster.

What do you think you should do?

PERSONAL USE

Your job has office supplies like pens and notepads. A coworker tells you it's okay to take some home because "there's plenty."

What do you think you should do?

COVERING FOR FRIEND

Your friend, who works with you, shows up late and asks you to say they were on time if the manager asks.

What do you think you should do?

SOCIAL MEDIA

You see a coworker post a photo on social media of something that happened at work, which breaks a company rule.

What do you think you should do?

FAIRNESS AT WORK

Your supervisor gives you extra tasks that no one else has to do. You're not sure if it's fair, but you don't want to get in trouble.

What do you think you should do?

ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE

While stocking shelves at work, you accidentally knock over a display, and some items break. No one saw it happen.

What do you think you should do?

SHARING PRIVATE INFORMATION

You hear a coworker talking loudly about a customer's personal information, like their phone number, where other people can hear.

What do you think you should do?

USING WORK TIME WISELY

You're supposed to be inputting data, but your coworker is watching videos on their phone and encourages you to do the same since no one is around.

What do you think you should do?

TAKING CREDIT

You come up with a great idea to help your team work faster. Later, your coworker shares your idea with the boss and takes credit for it.

What do you think you should do?

HANDLING A CUSTOMER

A customer is being very rude to you for no reason. You feel upset and frustrated.

What do you think you should do?

LEFT OUT

You notice a coworker being left out during team activities or lunch breaks, and they seem sad about it.

What do you think you should do?

TESTING

A friends offers to send you answers from a test they already took.

What do you think you should do?

HOMEWORK HELP

You're behind on homework. The class rule is "no outside help" but you are stressed and want to use AI or other tools to finish your assignment.

What do you think you should do?