

## The Real Story Behind Warning Labels

Have you ever read the warning labels on products you use daily? Many warning labels are the result of lawsuits filed against companies. For example most Q-tips include the warning, "Do not insert in ear canal." We can assume that someone filed suit because of damage to his or her ears. Their case: "Well the package didn't say that!"

What do you think is the story behind this warning label?

**Found on the inside of a pull top lid of a liquid radiator sealant:  
"Caution: DO NOT LICK LID"**

In your group write the newspaper article about the incident.

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Select one of the following labels and write your own article:

- On Nytol sleep aid: Warning: may cause drowsiness.
- On a string of Christmas lights: For indoor or outdoor use only.
- On an American Airlines packet of nuts: Instructions: open packet, eat nuts.
- On a lawnmower was a big label which read: "WARNING WHEN MOTOR IS RUNNING- THE BLADE IS TURNING!"
- Seen on the bottom of a Coca-Cola bottle: "Do not open here."  
From a kid's Halloween costume (superman) - stitched into the cape was a tag saying "Warning: Use of This Device Does Not Enable Wearer To Fly".
- From a Pop-Tart (TM) box: "Warning: Pastry Filling May Be Hot When Heated"
- Written on the back of one of those things you put in your car windshield on sunny days when you park to keep your dash from melting:  
DO NOT OPERATE VEHICLE WITH SCREEN IN PLACE
- On some Swann frozen dinners: Serving suggestion: Defrost.
- On packaging for a Rowenta iron: Do not iron clothes on body.
- There is also a stroller on the market with the warning, "Remove child before folding."
- This is from a bottle of children's cough medicine stating "Caution: May cause drowsiness; do not drive or operate heavy machinery"
- On Clorox Fresh Care: (for cleaning out odors from fabric) "Safe to use in households with pets Warning: Fresh Care is NOT intended to be sprayed directly on pets."
- On a can of powdered infant formula: "Mix with water before serving."
- On a box of household nails: CAUTION! - Do NOT swallow nails! May cause irritation!