

## 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."

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