



#### 23 Life Skills Every Employee Should Know

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### Life Skill

- 1. Take responsibility
  - If you made a mistake admit it.
  - Quit making excuses apologize then try to prevent it.





- 2. Be able to receive criticism
  - This is not easy, no one likes to be criticized but if you can accept the information without argument and learn you will go far





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- 3. Know how to engage in conversation
  - Getting to know someone else is a real life skill.
     You'll make friends, build relationships and have a better quality connection. First step is ask the person something about themselves.

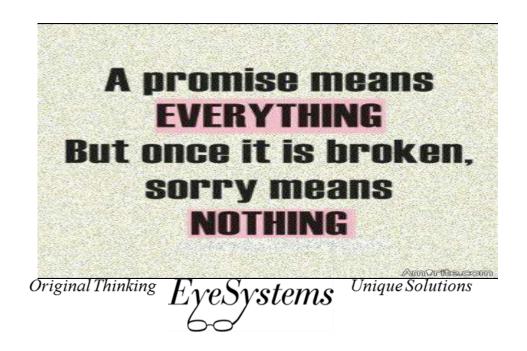


Ask for what you want in life, take risks, don't be afraid of failure, you will never get what you want if you never try, so just do it.

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- 4. Ask for what you want
  - Don't beat around the bush.
  - Do avoid too many details. Think through what you want then ask for it simply and clearly. The answer may be no but it could be yes.

- 5. Keep your promises
  - If you say you will be to work, show up. If you offer to help a co-worker, do it. The ability of others to trust you will impact your entire life.



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- Example:
  - Don't be the first person to voice an opinion if you always give input – you dilute your value.
  - Be the first person to voice an opinion if you are timid and often listen to someone else receiving praise for something you thought too.

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- 7. Be resilient
  - It's OK to fail. If you learn from those mistakes.
     The more you try and learn the more valuable you are.



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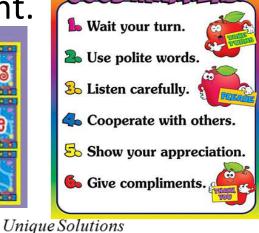
8. Have good table manners

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 Chewing loudly, eating with your mouth open, licking your fingers or utensils, speaks to your social skills, even in the lunch room of your office. It can hold you back from being promoted if people view you in a bad light.

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#### 9. Live within your means

 Luxuries are wonderful but not if you can't afford them. Don't expect to be paid based on how much you want to spend.





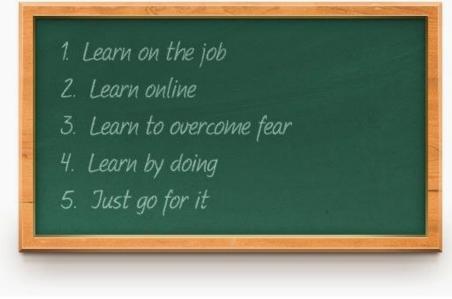
 Sometimes others are more qualified or suited for a position. Rejection is rarely personal. Learn, try harder and maybe next time you'll succeed.

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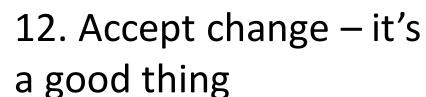


- 11. Continue to learn without a teacher
  - Learn something new everyday wherever you can.
     Don't' wait to be told or taught. Seek it out

yourself.

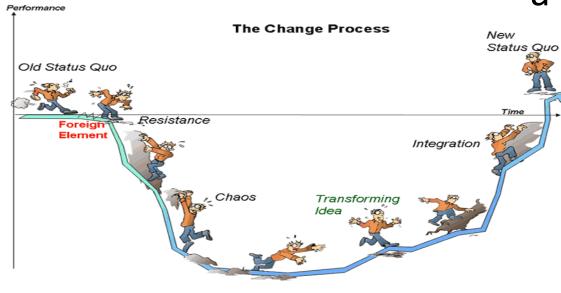






You never know
 where opportunities
 will come from, say
 yes to every good
 offer, follow your life
 path.





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#### 13. Make decisions

#### – Pretend you have 15 seconds before you will fall off the cliff...what would you decide?

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#### 14. Promote yourself

– Why should we hire you? What do you bring to the team? How are you unique? List three things

right now...

AT THE HEART OF PROMOTING YOURSELF IS TELLING YOUR STORY

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- 15. Negotiate
  - The best tip is to begin with a positive, "yes" answer question. "Our goal is patient satisfaction,

right?"



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16. Listen without speaking

 The single best piece of advice you will ever get...is shut up and listen!

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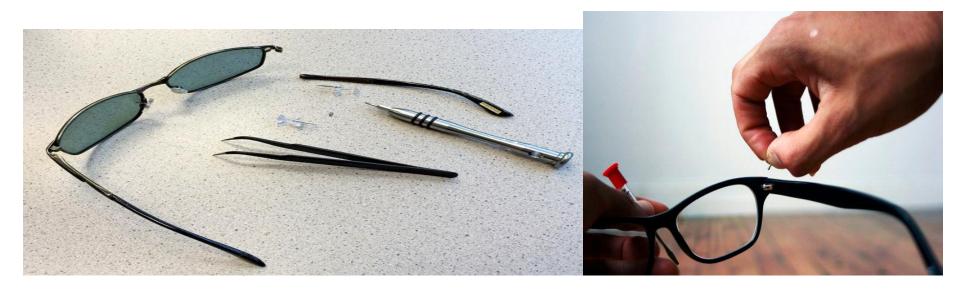
#### 17. Answer the phone well

What do you want to sound like to a patient?
Friendly? Knowledgeable?
Helpful? Harried? Bored?
Incompetent? Only you can control your behavior.

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#### 18. Replace a screw in a frame

 This takes some practice but everyone can put in a screw. Now finding the right one....see patience.



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19. Schedule a patient for an appointment

 This is more complicated then you might expect, if everyone knows the details we can better support each other and our patients.

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# 20. Insert and remove a soft contact lens– If you fear it so will your patient.





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#### 21. Basic patient prep

 Understanding your profession is key to patient satisfaction. Knowing what each patient experiences will make you better in your career.

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#### 22. Connect with a patient

This will make your day so much better. Have an impact on people's lives for the better.



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#### 23. Patience

 Good things don't happen overnight, they take work and perseverance. What can you learn along the way? It's the journey not the destination

