

GROUND SAFETY TIPS

1. Ten Commandments for Communications Personnel

- I Work thou not on energized equipment for if thou so doest, thy buddies will surely be buying drinks for thy widow and consoling her in certain other ways not generally acceptable to thee.
- II Trifle not with radioactive tubes and other sources of radiation lest thy wife be frustrated nightly and have no further use for thee except to collect thy wages.
- III Beware the lightning that lurketh in a charged condenser lest it cause thee to bounce upon thy buttocks in a most unbecoming manner.
- IV Cause thou the switch that supplieth large quantities of juice to be opened and thusly tagged that thy days may be long in this earthly vale of tears.
- V Cherish not certain earthly pleasures to the extent that willeth allow thyself to become distracted and thereby ascendeth into heaven before thou art ready.
- VI Tarry not among those fools who engage in intentional shocks and horseplay for verily they are non-believers and not long for this world.
- VII Take care thou tampereth not with interlocks and safety devices, for this incurreth the wrath of thy supervisor and bringeth the fury of management upon thy head and shoulders.
- VIII Verily, verily I say unto thee, never service equipment alone, else thou mightest sizzle in thine own fat upon a hot circuit for hours on end before thy Maker seeth fit to end thy misery and drageth thee into His fold.
- IX Thou shalt not touch any part of electrical apparatus until thou hath used that rod and staff commonly referred to as thy shorting stick.
- X Commit thou to memory all the words of the prophets, which are written hereon, and which giveth out the straight dope and consoleth thee when thou sufferest a ream job by thy supervisor.

(Based on an idea from the Navy's 1959 Safety Review)