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Crazy Ways to Make Work Fun

I recently gave the keynote address at a series of Conferences for Administrative Professionals that we took across the country. The subject: “**Gotta**” **have some fun!** Some of the crazy ideas I shared with audiences turned out to be so wildly popular that I received numerous verbal and e-mail requests for the material. I have summarized some of the zaniest ideas below; however, most were not of my imagination, as I have compiled them from various sources that I have received over the years. Enjoy!

And remember that children laugh over 400 times a day, yet studies show that adults only laugh 15 times a day. **If you're an adult, you can probably afford to laugh a little bit more!**

Even the most dull, hideous, and lifeless tasks can be injected with levity if you:

- Do it with someone else.
- Do it while walking in the fresh air.
- Do it in the shower (not recommended for tasks requiring electrical devices)
- Fake it!

For some really crazy, yet harmless, fun:

- Page yourself over the intercom (don't disguise your voice).
- Find out where your boss shops and buy exactly the same outfits. Always wear them one day after your boss does (this is especially effective if your boss is a different gender than you are).
- Send email to the rest of the company telling them what you're doing. For example "If anyone needs me, I'll be in the bathroom."
- "Hilite" your shoes. Tell people that you haven't lost your shoes since you did this.
- While sitting at your desk, soak your fingers in "Palmolive."
- Put up mosquito netting around your cubicle.
- Put a chair facing a printer, sit there all day and tell people you're waiting for your document.
- Every time someone asks you to do something, ask them if they want fries with that.
- Send email to yourself engaging yourself in an intelligent debate about the direction of one of your company's products. Forward the mail to a coworker (or your boss, if you dare!) and ask her to settle the disagreement.
- Put your garbage can on your desk. Label it "IN."
- Develop an unnatural fear of staplers.
- Send e-mail messages saying free pizza, free donuts etc... in the lunchroom, when people complain that there was none... just lean back, pat your stomach, and say, "Oh you've got to be faster than that."