

ETHICS IN THE WORKPLACE

Connie is a new quality control inspector for the Veri-Safe Toy Company, makers of “CutiePie Dolls.” The best-selling dolls in the toy market, the CutiePie dolls use teeth and moveable jaws to eat tiny toy fruit pies that are sold separately. One day, while picking up a handful of these dolls, Connie gashed her finger on one of the teeth. Connie’s supervisor gave her a bandage and told her not to report the accident to anyone. When Connie asked why, the supervisor said that Veri-Safe was being sued because several children had been cut by the doll teeth. The company’s leaders were officially denying that the teeth were dangerous. However, the leaders had ordered that all reports of such injuries in the factory be destroyed. Also, all employees were to be reminded of the importance of loyalty and secrecy at times like this. Connie asked why the company didn’t just make the dolls safer. The supervisor replied that the dolls couldn’t eat the pies unless the teeth were sharp. As Connie walked back to her work area she noticed the new company product she was wearing. Her bandage was covered with pictures of CutiePie Dolls.

1. Should Connie blow the whistle on Veri-Safe? Why/why not?