



Not-So-Bright Idea

One of our sharp-eyed Marines was going about his business at his command when he spied an open door that was usually shut. Curious, he peeked inside to investigate. What he found was scary ... reeeeeeally scary. Contractors working in the building had slapped together two home-made light fixtures out of a spliced extension cord. One was secured with a plastic tie around the bulb and the other just dangled from a water pipe.

Take a real good look at these photos. I bet you can find a ton of harmful or deadly features. Exposed wires, cardboard backing, tape peeling off. What you don't see is that this contraption was alive and ready to bite. It was still plugged in, even though nobody had been in the room for a day.

Hey! The lesson here is simple. Don't walk past something you know is unsafe and expect someone else to fix it. If you notice a hazardous condition, whether you caused it or not, *take action!*

Our Marine took the time to document, and then render "safe" this extremely hazardous situation. He deserves a big Bravo Zulu for not shaking his head and walking away. Had he done so, someone else may have wandered in and hurt themselves.

Remember ... If you see a mistake and don't fix it, it becomes your mistake.