

Toasters Are For Toast

Well, now we know why D-Wayne is such a dumb bunny. He got it from his momma! Doesn't she know that you should never put anything gooey, like cheese, in your toaster? What a stinky mess that would make. If it burns, that could easily start a fire. You know how dangerous and destructive a fire in your home could be. Let's see: stinky, messy, dangerous; it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that this is a no-no, does it?

And what about sticking anything metal, like D-Wayne's momma's toaster-tongs, right into the toaster? No way! It could be more dangerous than putting gooey stuff in one. Here's why: Metal is an excellent conductor of electricity. If you're holding a metal object, like tongs or any other kitchen utensil, and you stick it into the appliance (a toaster, in this case), you could get zapped by electricity. And electricity can shock or burn you, or even cause death! Nope, we'd say D-Wayne's momma has got to be slower than a herd of turtles when it comes to using her head and playing it safe.

While we're talking about the dangers of sticking weird things into an electric toaster, we'd like to remind you that it's always a good idea for your parents to read the instructions for any electric appliance before you use it for the first time.

Never ever stick anything except a plug into an electric outlet. And never plug more than two plugs into an outlet at a time. That's all they're designed for. More than two plugs could overload the circuit and cause even worse problems than D-Wayne's momma's toaster. Use your head and stay safe!

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