



## Curiosity Captured the Kid

Here's one to put on your list of life's most embarrassing moments. Sometimes I wonder why kids do things like this, and then I realize ... they're just kids and they don't know better. But keep your chin up. After all, little Johnny will someday outgrow his childish ways and become a safe and sensible citizen ... at least we can hope he will. I've seen plenty of crazy things done by grown-ups, too.

For example ... I recently read about a guy who was curious about how his industrial-sized vacuum cleaner worked. With the vacuum cleaner on, he decided to stick his hand up inside it and poke around. Smaaart. As can naturally be expected, the roller caught hold and yanked the flesh off three of his fingers. Now he can tell his grandkids about the scars on his hand. Dumb, huh? But it really happened.

My friends, we're all curious about things. It's when we don't recognize where it crosses the line into danger that we find ourselves in positions like this boy. So do me a favor. The next time you're just poking around trying to quench your curiosity, use a little risk management to determine where the line is *before* you cross it. We learn through experience, but death or maiming isn't the best way to finish a lesson.