



During our Stupidaid tour in 2007, participants uncovered what we believe to be the top six most common excuses given for stupid decisions or stupid thinking.

Here are some suggestions of how you can respond to these examples of stupid thinking which surround us everyday.

### **Sorry it's our rules.**

Rules are never set in stone. They were made by someone. Get them to adapt, be flexible, or change them.

### **The computer says 'No'.**

Someone, somewhere is in charge of the computer. Get hold of them and get them to do something about it.

### **There is no precedent for this.**

Create a precedent. Do something new. Just because something has not evidently happened before, it doesn't mean it should never happen. If we all think like this we will never have any progress.

### **It's health and safety.**

But is it intelligent health and safety?

### **It's been approved by experts**

Experts can get it wrong. 'Experts' once thought the world was flat. Are there other experts whose expertise is greater or more relevant?

### **This is the thin end of the wedge it will set a precedent.**

Precedent is only a legitimate issue in a court of law. Otherwise be pragmatic and flexible, judging every situation on its merits.