



*“Apologies Are in Order”*  
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## Does Etiquette Have Any Guidance For The Chronic Mistake-Maker?

I spent most of my life losing items seconds after they leave my hands, making wrong turns, forgetting names and not able to answer when polite answers are most needed. These things inconvenience others and cause embarrassment.

I nearly always apologize when others are affected.

The question is: “Is there a position I can hold in regard to the most frequently affected parties other than that of a constantly apologizing person?”

“Apologizing” is etiquette’s way of making mistakes right, but there is no provision for a big discount. Do not make a “Medical Excuse” for “What you admit being a mistake.”

If you cannot correct the behavior, then an apology is a minor additional commitment of time. The recipient will appreciate the gesture – and understand, if the apology is not extensive and is legitimate.

“So in Summary”

*“Apologies are in order, no matter many times you have to make them.”*