

But It Was Important

The Warehouser Manufacturing Company is one of four manufacturers of cardboard boxes in the area. These box companies supply other companies with boxes so that they can send their goods and materials all over the country. Tom Sizzle, who just turned 18 and is in his last semester of high school, was hired a few weeks ago to work in the afternoons. His duties included sorting boxes making some deliveries, and general clean up. One afternoon, without permission, Tom failed to show up for work. He was downtown taking care of some important personal business. As a result, many boxes did not get delivered that day, and a number of companies were upset at the Warehouser Manufacturing Company. When Tom returned late that day, he found out that he had been fired. All Tom could say was, "But it was important."

Answer each of the following with your opinion.

1. Would you have fired Tom: Explain.
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3. How could Tom's absence without permission for a few hours affect the profits of the company?

4. What do the Warehouser Manufacturing Company and the other companies depend on to make a profit?

5. What procedure at your place of work would you follow if you needed a few hours off to take care of some important business?

6. If you owned the business, what procedure would you follow in this situation?
