How many of you have had an embarrassing incident while dining out? Almost all of us can say we have. While it is embarrassing and uncomfortable, there are certain gudielines you can follow to to help resolve the situation and make it less awkward. While I have nebver been to dinner with my supervisor, I have orften heard my sister complain about how uncomfortable it can be. Surveys have shown that about 50% of people have eaten at a restaurant on their employers dime. The three most common embarrassing situations that people encounter are complaints, spilling food or drink, and how to handle leftovers. Each of these situations have a certin rule of ettiquite that will help you understand how to handle them. Now moving to point number 1.

 It is no secret that your dining experience at a restaurant is not always going to be perfect. Complaints are going to happen. However ther is a proper way to make a complaint if your food or service is not what you expected. According to ettiqutescholar.com, you should only send a dish back if it isn’t what you ordered, it is not cooked to order, it tastes spoiled, or you find a foreign object in it. When you make the complaint, do it quietly without attracting much attention. Speak first to whoever commited the error. If that does not fix it, speak with the manager. If after making the complaint you receive no satisfaction at all, reduce the tip. Generally, restaruants will listen to your complaint and do there best to resolve the issue. According to waiterbell.com it costs 5 to 6 times more for a restaurant to attract a new customer than retain an existing one. So remember to make the complaint quietly to the appropriate person, and it is most likely to get resolved. No moving to point number 2.

 Spills are going to happen. Whether it is food or drink, at somepoint you are likey to have an accident. When dining with a supervisor or co-worker, there are a few rules to follow when dealing with a spill. According to ettiquite.howto.com the first rule is to ,avoid them. You are likely to spill something when your making big gestures, trying to move large plates or bowls, or when you’ve had too much too drink. Avoid theses situations tor educe the risk of spilling something. Second, if you spill someones drink, apologize immediately and unreservedly. Don’t clean up the spill with your own napkin. Use your napkin to protect yourself or the other person from the spill. Politley ask your server for assistance in cleaning the spill and for replacement napkins. And Third, if an item has fallen into the walkway, gently move it out of the way so not to cause an accident. Avoid touching the food with your hands, and then alert your server and ask for a replacement napkin or fork if needed. Even though spills are embarrassing on their own, following theses three rules will help make the situation a little less awkward. Now moving to point number 3.

 Leftovers are often a situation that many people don’t know how to handle. Many people don’t want to see food go to waste, but there are situations where it is not acceptable to askf or a box or “doggy bag.” According to ettiquiteschoolar.com, as a general rule, it is not acceptbale to ask for a leftover containers when at a business dinner, especially when you are not the one paying. It is acceptable when dining with a business associate and you are splitting the check. It is never acceptable to take leftovers home from a special function or event. Especially when it has been catered by anpther company. Follow these genereal rules on leftovers and you will save yourself the embarrassment.

 So in conclusion, many of you at some point will dine with your supervisor or business associates. It is important to understand how to act and handle certain embarrassing moments that may occur. Understanding how to properly lodge a complaint, handle a spill, and knowing when it is acceptable to take home leftovers will assist you in avoiding embarrassment. Most importantly, relax and stay calm if anything eventful may occur.