

CHAPTER 6 - CATCHING AI WHEN IT'S WRONG

Five Questions Every AI Answer Should Pass

Quiet judgment, not technical knowledge. Run through these before you act.

Trusting AI does not mean trusting it blindly. None of these five questions require technical knowledge. They require the same judgment good professionals have always used.

- 1 Is this factual or an opinion?**
- 2 Would I be comfortable repeating this in an important meeting?**
- 3 Does this answer match what I already know?**
- 4 If this were wrong, what would the consequence be?**
- 5 What would I verify before acting?**

The Red Flag Checklist

Before using an AI answer, scan for these warning signs. If you notice two or more, pause and investigate.

No evidence or references.

Facts or statistics you cannot independently verify.

Numbers that seem unusually precise.

Outdated information.

Missing context.

Overly confident language.

Advice that seems too simple for a complex problem.

Recommendations that ignore legal, ethical, or company policies.

The rule of thumb

A mirror reflects whatever stands before it. If the information placed in front of AI is incomplete, so is the reflection.

Technology becomes more valuable when human judgment becomes stronger.