

# Mother-in-law from hell... or daughter-in-law from hell?

**By News Online reporter**

Everyone knows it can be difficult to get on with your in-laws, but for 29-year-old **Heidi Withers**, it may now be impossible. Heidi was invited to spend the weekend with her fiancé Freddie's family at their house in Devon, in south-west England. But soon after they returned to London, Heidi received a very nasty email from Carolyn Bourne, Freddie's stepmother, criticizing her manners.



Here are a few examples of your lack of manners:

- When you are a guest in another's house, you should not declare what you will and will not eat – unless you are allergic to something.
- You should not say that you do not have enough food.
- You should not start before everyone else.
- You should not take additional helpings without being invited to by your host.
- You should not lie in bed until late morning.
- You should have sent a handwritten card after the visit. You have never written to thank me when you have stayed.

Heidi was shocked, and immediately sent the email on to some of her close friends. Surprised and amused, the friends forwarded it to other people, and soon the email had been posted on several websites, with thousands of people writing comments about 'the mother-in-law from hell'.

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