The Alligator Principles
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RULE NUMBER ONE

Always know who or what is your biggest Alligator
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Corollary One to Rule One

Always protect your big Alligator. If he gets eaten, you are dessert!
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RULE NUMBER TWO

A lot of little Alligators does **not** mean you have a **Big Alligator**
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RULE NUMBER THREE

If left unattended little Alligators grow to become BIG Alligators
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RULE NUMBER FOUR

I’ve got a hot issue that needs your attention.

Little Alligators make a lot of noise and are very annoying. Never let a little Alligator take your eyes off of the BIG Alligator.
Never let other people put their Alligators in your pond.
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RULE NUMBER SIX

Never swim in another person’s pond.
You don’t know their Alligators or their nature.
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RULE NUMBER SEVEN

An Alligator of a different color is still an Alligator.
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RULE NUMBER EIGHT

When waist deep in hungry Alligators, Always deal with the biggest Alligator first.
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RULE NUMBER NINE

Never go swimming when your Alligators are feeding.
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Corollary One to Rule Nine

Never argue with an angry Alligator.
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RULE NUMBER TEN

Keep your pond water clear. Cloudy water leads to confusion, misdirection, wasted time, and you lose sight of your Alligators.
Alligators are like children, no matter how ugly they are, they are still yours.
Alligators are always around, regardless of the task at hand.
Alligators will follow you home

Sometimes they are disguised as In-Laws.
The Test?
So who is your big Alligator?
What is most important to him or her?
If you can’t answer those questions you are about to be eaten.