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## Don't fall into the gap!



This is for those who are faced with the terrifying problem of leaving a blank space on our resume between jobs.

You might ask yourself, how will this blank space affect me? Will a prospective employer cast judgment on this emptiness? Or... will they understand a potential hardship or life-changing event may have occurred? Unfortunately, *without* an explanation, perspective employers could view this emptiness however they choose to!

Don't Panic! ...Here are a couple recommendations on how to fill in those gaps:

- If the gap was attributed to an isolated necessity such as: caring for an ailing family member or raising a child(ren) then define it as such.

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Mechanical Assembler, Warehouse – Branford/New Haven

Scale House Operator Port Authority – New Haven – **Filled**

Production Tech - Chemical Reference Co, - New Haven

Inside Sales, Luxury Showroom Industrial Distribution - New Haven

Administrative Assistant, Multiple Locations

Maintenance Mechanic Electrical Component MFG Guilford - **Filled**

- If you chose a different career path and filled in the gap with voluntary or productive work while transitioning to your next career *then define it as such.*
- If you sought higher education to make yourself more marketable or to perceive a new level of certification *then define it as such!*
- If the recommendations above do not apply and you still find yourself at a loss then try speaking with a recruiter; they may be able to help define the void with a fresh new perspective and they may help by placing you with one of their clients.

Another strategy is to **use your cover letter as a supplemental story teller of your skills abilities and accomplishments.**



Employers are looking for people who can help them. Focusing on your **skills, capabilities and accomplishments** will greatly increase your chances of job offers. In all your presentations; resume, interviews, conversations be sure to present a **clear and concise** story of why you are the right candidate for the job!

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