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# Please Play Safe! Penguin's Guide To Playground Safety



## Synopsis

Penguin's boisterous young animal friends play together in silly, then safe ways in this companion to PLEASE SAY PLEASE! Penguin and his rambunctious young friends are off to the playground, running so fast that they knock each other down. Is that right? No, that's wrong! They should walk so that no one gets hurt. At the seesaw and slide, the silly mishaps continue, with pals like Elephant and Chimpanzee playing dangerously (in funny ways), then safely. Hippo bounces a ball off of Penguin's head (BOINK!), and Rhino throws sand in Lion's fur. But by the end of the day, the friends have learned the rights and wrongs of playground play, and they even pick up their toys before heading home!

## Book Information

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PreSchool-Grade 2 [Book Reviews](#) - This child-friendly guide is set up as a series of don'ts and dos. Each vignette shows the repercussions of doing something thoughtlessly - jumping off a seesaw too quickly, climbing up a slide, kicking sand - followed by the proper way to play. Children can participate in the story by replying to the question asked at the end of each don't - Is that right? - with the refrain, No, that's wrong, before Penguin explains the safe way to behave. The text is simple enough for beginners since the softly shaded, multimedia color illustrations provide excellent visual clues. The pictures are full of active animals under the watchful

tutelage of whistle-wearing Penguin. A fun addition. Maura Bresnahan, High Plain Elementary School, Andover, MA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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perfect for young children to talk about playground safety!

I am an elementary school counselor and often looking for good books to reinforce positive behavior. I really like this one! The book starts out with penguin and his buddies heading out to the playground for some playtime. But they stampede each other trying to get there. I was sold right there! Man, how many times have I seen kids pushing and shoving trying to get out the door as fast as possible to get to the equipment rack! A book helping reinforce playground rules?? Yippee Skippee! So I've learned how to use this book WISELY. Reading it straight through is a No No. I've broken it up into small lessons and do lots of role playing. It's fantastic for modeling correct behavior vs incorrect behavior. Penguin also wears a whistle around his neck. Bingo!!! There's your prop! So I have a bunch of plastic whistles and I let a few trusty kids use them. And of course, I have a penguin puppet. Big shocker....I love puppets! Someone commented on this is a boring book. I'm telling you.....it's how you read it and make it even better with props, puppets, and role playing. I wouldn't use a story that would cause more behavior problems as I'm trying to read it.

Margery Cuyler's PLEASE PLAY SAFE: PENGUIN'S GUIDE TO PLAYGROUND SAFETY receives Will Hillenbrand's fun drawings as it tells of too-playful playground animals who forget how to play safely. They create all kinds of problems as a result, and kids will get a laugh out of the zany guide to playground safety and fun.

Imagine a lecture from your least favorite aunt-- the one who lacks any imagination or sense of humor. That's this book. Only the dullest child won't be bored after the first four pages. Throw in some poor grammar, total predictability and moderately mediocre art and you have a book no library or school should inflict on children.

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