

The Do's and Don'ts of Owning a Floppy Disk

DON'T

- Leave disks near magnets. The magnetic field can destroy data and make it unrecoverable. Remember that there is a magnet in your stereo and computer speakers!
- Get disks wet, water damage can ruin disks completely
- Keep disks in plastic bags. Static electricity can build up and can zap data from the disk.
- Let disks “float” around in backpacks or purses. Always use a disk holder.
- Let disks fall on the floor, physical damage to the case or the shutter can cause problems.
- Write on disks, especially with ballpoint pens, it can cause damage inside of the disk.

DO

- Buy a disk holder and use it.
- Always have backup disks. Disks have a short life span; you never know when they might fail.
- Be careful with disks. They may seem indestructible...but they aren't.