



WARNING



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE READING

Review instructions before each use of a magazine or book. Failure to read even a single item can result in serious injury, loss of sanity, or egregious pomposity.

1 Safe seating

Before lifting or operating magazine in any way, ensure you have a comfortable and safe seat available.



Seating surface should be firm but comfortable. Back should be positioned to enable you to sit with your torso at a 90 degree angle to your thighs, while your feet rest comfortably on the ground. Check to be sure material of seating surface has adequate friction against material of your pants, shorts, or leggings to keep you from sliding off seat and possibly bruising your tailbone. If you determine the coefficient of friction is less than .43, remove clothing and read naked, as human skin is naturally sticky.



Check under seating apparatus for weapons left by ancestors who stashed them there in anticipation of the need to fight off invaders. Even very old blades can still be sharp and can carry dangerous infectious agents, including but not limited to tetanus and botulism.

Do not even consider using a chair that swivels or rolls. It should be obvious, but many people fail to grasp this: those things are death traps.

2 Environmental considerations

A poor reading experience can lead to somnolence. Look all around you. Is there anything you might fall onto that would cause injury?

Calculate fall range and clear any sharp-edged or hard items from that area. To calculate fall range, use this simple formula: multiply the square root of your height in centimeters by the natural constant e and subtract the log of your age.

Turn off all electrical appliances in premises. Such devices are a frequent cause of fire, and you may be so absorbed in reading (or deep asleep if you've had a sub-optimal experience) that you won't have any warning before being engulfed in flames. For greatest safety, disconnect premises from electricity entirely and use low-wattage LED flashlights for illumination. Consult with a licensed electrician.

Hang a copy of this poster in a prominent location within easy view of your seating area. Remove any other paintings or decorations that may draw your eye away from these warnings. Plain white walls are preferable, and we can not be held responsible for what may happen if you sit near wallpaper, striped paint, or wainscoting.



3 Responsible reading

Understand common causes of injury and death in your region and use common sense in addressing risks.

Refer to the Mortality Tables published by the National Center for Health Statistics to understand probable causes of death for your age, lifestyle, and location. For instance, if you are a heavy drinking, 18- to 24-year-old male living in the Florida panhandle, you should immediately abandon your ritual of reading in the nearby fen, due to the chance of alligator attack.



Check between all pages in your book or magazine for any stray needles or explosives. Wear rubberized finger coverings to prevent paper cuts.

Always use Snell and ANSI certified wrist supports.

Consider wearing a helmet when reading works by or about Donald Trump.



4 Health monitoring

Check heart rate, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels before proceeding.

Call a doctor immediately if any of the following occur while reading: blurred vision, dizziness, an erection lasting more than three hours.



5 Sympathy and enthusiasm

Those susceptible to strong sympathetic responses need to take special precautions when reading fiction.



If you tend to be saddened by difficult emotional material, have a licensed StoryGuide™ read ahead of you and cut out any material related to the deaths of children, puppies, kittens, beloved goldfish, cockatoos, cockapoos, and houseplants.

If you have strong sympathetic or mimetic reactions to the characters in fictional stories, take the following precautions:

BOOK	PRECAUTION
<i>Dracula</i>	Wear mouthguard
<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Cover any mirrors
<i>Anna Karenina</i>	Do not read within sight of train tracks
<i>Tropic of Cancer</i>	None required

6 Nutrition and hydration

Reading is the sustenance of the mind, but the mind cannot function without the body. Keep yourself healthy.

Sip regularly (at a rate of 12 milliliters every seven minutes) from a glass of water between 50 and 70 degrees fahrenheit. Always utilize a straw to avoid over-imbibing or spillage. Use bottled or filtered water to minimize chances of toxic pollutants.

If you have a roommate or spouse with a "sense of humor," check to ensure water has not been spiked with psychoactive drugs or alcohol.



7 Legal Considerations

Attention to the system of law and regulation that keeps our society harmonious is the responsibility of every reader.

Confirm that your will is in order and up to date. If you do not have a copy immediately accessible, call your lawyer and ask him or her to take a selfie next to a copy of your current, active will to confirm.

Review your living will and any advance directives. We recommend inserting a clause directing that in the event you are brain dead or otherwise incapacitated, no one should be permitted to read aloud from *Fifty Shades of Grey* in your presence.

If you will be reading an electronic book, check the terms of service for your content, the reading device, any online services you may access, the motherboard and video chips in your device, and any cables connected or likely to be connected to your device. You will find that in many cases these agreements do not allow recreational reading.



8 Final Preparations

Look hard at the book in your hand. If you were to be suddenly incapacitated by a stroke or struck by a stray bullet, would you want whoever finds your incapacitated or lifeless body to see that, with your last act of consciousness, you were reading *that*? Maybe go back to your shelf and see if you can find something a little more distinguished, shall we say. Once you've selected new reading material, please review all previous warnings on this sheet.



9 Additional Warnings

Do not place over nose and mouth; especially do not place over nose and mouth after placing magazine in a plastic bag or other form of impermeable sheathing.

Do not place magazine over a loaded gun in hopes that it will disguise presence of said loaded weapon in the event of a search by law enforcement personnel.

While works of the pastoral tradition may have enticed you to think it is romantic to read in a meadow on the side of a mountain, please recall that the risk of being struck by lightning or knocked senseless by grapefruit-sized hail is much greater out of doors.

Do not attempt to read in a wind tunnel.

If you like to make notes or to highlight while reading, use non-toxic inks.

Consult a physician before reading any book with "hot love" in the title.

Inks manufactured by the Blossom and Harte Markings Co. of Dearborn, Michigan, between February 1963 and November 1968 may contain harmful levels of radioactive isotopes. If you are in the same room as material printed with such ink, you would be dead before finishing this sentence anyway.



Warning: Do not attempt to read upside down.

But be sure you do read Stoneslide, stoneslidecorrective.com.

