

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION – READ THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS BEFORE YOU OR YOUR CHILD PLAY VIDEO GAMES. IF THIS PRODUCT IS TO BE USED BY YOUNG CHILDREN, THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE READ AND EXPLAINED TO THEM BY AN ADULT. FAILING TO DO SO MAY CAUSE INJURY.

SEIZURE WARNING

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Some people (about 1 in 4000) may have seizures or blackouts triggered by light flashes or patterns, such as while watching TV or playing video games, even if they have never had a seizure before. Anyone who has had a seizure, loss of awareness, or other symptom linked to an epileptic condition should consult a doctor before playing a video game. Parents should watch when their children play video games. Stop playing and consult a doctor if you or your child have any of the following symptoms: **Convulsions, Eye or muscle twitching, Loss of awareness, Altered vision, Involuntary movements, Disorientation.**

To reduce the likelihood of a seizure when playing video games:

1. Sit or stand as far from the screen as possible.
2. Play video games on the smallest available television screen.
3. Do not play if you are tired or need sleep.
4. Play in a well-lit room.
5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

REPETITIVE MOTION INJURIES AND EYESTRAIN

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Playing video games can make your muscles, joints, skin or eyes hurt after a few hours. Follow these instructions to avoid problems such as tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, skin irritation or eyestrain:

- Avoid excessive play. It is recommended that parents monitor their children for appropriate play.
- Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour, even if you don't think you need it.
- When using the Nintendo DS Stylus, you do not need to grip it tightly or press it hard against the screen. Doing so may cause fatigue or discomfort.
- If your hands, wrists, arms or eyes become tired or sore while playing, stop and rest them for several hours before playing again.
- If you continue to have sore hands, wrists, arms or eyes during or after play, stop playing and see a doctor.

BATTERY LEAKAGE

▲ WARNING

The Nintendo DS contains a Lithium Ion Rechargeable Battery Pak. Leakage of ingredients contained within or combustion of the Lithium Ion Battery can cause personal injury as well as damage to your Nintendo DS. If battery leakage occurs, avoid contact with skin. If contact occurs, immediately wash thoroughly with soap and water. If liquid leaking from a battery comes into contact with your eyes, immediately flush thoroughly with water and see a doctor.

To avoid battery leakage, combustion and explosion:

1. Do not expose the battery to excessive physical shock or vibration.
2. Do not disassemble, attempt to repair or deform the battery.
3. The Lithium Ion Battery must not be short circuited. Do not touch the terminals of the battery with any foreign materials or a metal object.
4. Do not expose the battery to heat or dispose of in a fire.
5. Do not peel or damage the battery label.
6. Do not use a battery if the plastic cover has been torn or compromised in any way.
7. Do not insert or remove battery while the power is on.
8. The Nintendo DS Rechargeable Battery Pak is only to be recharged under adult supervision.
9. When recharging the Nintendo DS Battery Pak, only use the Nintendo DS Power Supply included with this system.
10. Use the Nintendo DS Rechargeable Battery Pak only for the Nintendo DS system.
11. The battery is to be removed from the Nintendo DS before disposing of the unit.
12. Do not submerge the battery, wet it with water or any other liquid.
13. In case of inappropriate handling of the Lithium Ion Battery (e.g. during replacement of the battery) there could be a risk of combustion or explosion. The battery must not be deformed, crushed, pierced or exposed to temperatures above 60 degrees Celsius. Furthermore, do not allow a metal object to touch the terminals of the battery. Do not use any battery other than the Nintendo DS Rechargeable Battery Pak (NTR-003). There could be a risk of fire or explosion if you use another type of battery.
14. Do not remove the Rechargeable Battery Pak from the Nintendo DS unless it needs to be replaced.
15. When disposing of the battery, follow appropriate local guidelines and regulations. For information on battery disposal contact your local solid waste authority.
16. If liquid comes into contact with the Battery Pak, do not reuse it.

Replacement Battery Paks are sold separately. Please contact your Nintendo Service Centre for further information on where to purchase a replacement. If you do not want to replace the Battery Pak on your own, you may send your Nintendo DS to the Nintendo Service Centre to have the Battery Pak exchanged by an authorised technician.

RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE

▲ WARNING

The Nintendo DS can emit radio waves that can affect the operation of nearby electronics, including cardiac pacemakers.

- Do not operate the Nintendo DS within 25 centimetres (10 inches) of a pacemaker while using the wireless feature.
- If you have a pacemaker or other implanted medical device, do not use the wireless feature of the Nintendo DS without first consulting your doctor or the manufacturer of your medical device.

THE USE OF NINTENDO DS ON BOARD AEROPLANE, IN HOSPITALS AND AIRPORTS

▲ WARNING

Operation of the Nintendo DS when it is NOT in Wireless Mode, may be allowed on board aeroplane, in hospitals, and in airports just like any other non-wireless device would be. You will know when your Nintendo DS is in Wireless Mode when the Power Indicator LED (green or red) rapidly blinks to indicate that wireless communication is in progress. The Power Indicator LED will blink rapidly when you are in PictoChat™, playing any game in Multi-player Mode, or downloading a game to another unit. Observe and follow all regulations and rules regarding the use of wireless devices in locations such as hospitals, airports, or on board aeroplane. In order to comply with airline regulations, do not use PictoChat, or play the Multi-player Modes of Nintendo DS games while on board an aeroplane. Operation in these locations may interfere with or cause malfunctions of equipment, with resulting injuries to persons or damage to property.

HARDWARE PRECAUTIONS / MAINTENANCE

1. Do not disassemble or try to repair the Nintendo DS, components or accessories. Doing so voids your warranty.
2. Always turn the Nintendo DS power off before loading or removing a Game Card / Game Pak. Insert the Game Card / Game Pak completely without forcing either the Game Card / Game Pak or the Nintendo DS.
3. Do not store the Nintendo DS in a humid place, on the floor or in any location where it may contact moisture, dirt, dust, lint, or other foreign material. The Nintendo DS may be used only in less humid rooms (e.g. living rooms). Don't use the Nintendo DS in bathrooms, lavatories, kitchens or any other humid places where there is the risk of splashing the unit with water. Doing so may cause electric shock or damage to the Nintendo DS.
4. Do not drop, hit or otherwise abuse the Nintendo DS, components or accessories. This may damage the LCD screens or other precision components of the Nintendo DS.
5. Make sure all connections to the Nintendo DS are made carefully and inserted into the correct locations only. Hold plugs straight when inserting them into a socket.
6. When disconnecting any plugs from the Nintendo DS or wall socket, first turn the Nintendo DS off. Then carefully pull by the plug itself rather than by the cord. Do not step on, sharply pull or bend any wires or cables.
7. Do not expose the Nintendo DS, Game Cards / Game Paks or any of the Nintendo DS components or accessories to extreme heat or cold. The liquid crystal displays (LCD) become slower to react or may not work when the temperature is too low. The LCD will deteriorate at a high temperature. Take care not to expose the Nintendo DS to direct sunlight for extended periods of time.
8. When taking the Nintendo DS to a warm place from a cold place, drops of water may form inside and cause the unit to malfunction. Continued use may cause damage to the unit. Turn the power off and leave it for approximately 60 minutes before using it again.
9. The LCD screens may be damaged by sharp objects or pressure. Take great care to protect the displays from scratches or stains. To protect the LCD from damage, always fold up the Nintendo DS when not in use. Do not put the unit in your back pocket. Doing so may cause break-down of the LCD of the Nintendo DS.
10. Connect ONLY accessories designed and licensed for use with the Nintendo DS to any external connectors, otherwise you may cause damage to the unit.
11. Do not spill liquids on the Nintendo DS, Game Cards / Game Paks, other components or accessories. Do not insert any foreign materials. If the Nintendo DS comes into contact with liquids immediately turn the power off, remove the battery cover and battery, then wipe clean with a soft, slightly damp cloth (use water only). Do not wipe the interior of the Nintendo DS with any liquids.
12. The Nintendo DS should be disconnected from the power supply before cleaning. To clean the Nintendo DS, use a soft, slightly damp cloth (use water only). Allow the Nintendo DS to dry completely before using again.
13. Do not rapidly turn the power on and off, as this may cause Game Cards / Game Paks to lose your stored game information.
14. For the best game image, look directly at the Nintendo DS displays from the front and operate only in a good light.
15. To avoid dirt or dust from getting into the Nintendo DS, always leave a Game Card and Game Pak loaded (with the power off), when not in use.
16. When using the Nintendo DS Power Supply, always unplug it from the wall socket when not in use.
17. Do not use the power supply if the cable or plug are damaged.
18. If liquid comes into contact with the Battery Pak, do not reuse it.
19. Using cords might cause hazards by forming nooses.
20. The Nintendo DS is not intended for children under 3 years old.

GAME CARD / GAME PAK PRECAUTIONS / MAINTENANCE

1. Avoid touching the connectors with your fingers. Do not blow on them or allow them to get wet or dirty. Doing so may damage the Game Card or Game Pak and/or the Nintendo DS.
2. Game Card and Game Pak are high precision electronic devices. Do not store them in places that are very hot or cold. Do not hit, drop or otherwise abuse them. Do not attempt to take them apart.
3. Do not clean with benzene, paint thinner, alcohol or any other solvent.
4. Always check the Game Card / Game Pak edge connector for foreign material before inserting the Game Card / Game Pak into the Nintendo DS.