



Change “Don't” Statements to “Do” Statements

<i>“DON'T”s</i>	<i>“DO”s</i>
• General Behaviors •	
Don't run.	Walk in the house.
Don't be so wild.	It's time to sit down and use a calm voice.
Don't write on the wall. (<i>or table, or floor, etc.</i>)	Write on paper only.
Don't leave clothes on the floor.	Use a laundry basket.
Don't jump on your bed.	Beds are for sleeping or sitting ONLY.
Don't splash water out of the tub.	Keep the water in the tub.
Don't throw the ball in the house.	We roll balls inside. You can throw it outside.
Don't pull the dogs tail.	Be gentle with the dog. Pat him like this...
Don't touch.	Look with your eyes.
Don't pick your nose.	Use a tissue.
• Peers •	
Don't take a toy from your friend.	Ask “May I have a turn when you are through?”
Don't knock over the toys.	Ask to play with the toys.
Don't hit.	Use gentle hands; say what you want.
• Safety •	
Don't play in the street.	We can play in the yard or on the sidewalk.
Don't run down the slide.	Slide on your bottom.
Don't run into the street.	Hold my hand to cross the street.
• Mealtime •	
Don't play with your food.	Use your fork or spoon to eat your lunch.
Don't throw your food.	Food is for eating.
Don't eat with your hands.	Use your fork to eat.
• Voice •	
Don't yell or scream in the house.	Use your inside voice.
Don't talk back.	Tell me what you are feeling in a regular voice.
Don't whine.	Use your normal voice.
Don't scream at me while I'm on the phone.	Touch my arm to let me know you need me.