

# BIRTHDAY PARTY

## Survival Guide



Penelope  
THE  
CLOWN



**A**fter Performing at thousands of Children's Parties over the last 20 years, Penelope The Clown knows a thing or two about kid's parties.

**Here are a few of her best tips to help make your child's Birthday Party into a fun event for them, and an enjoyable experience for you.**



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# Safety First !!!

You can relax and enjoy yourself at the party if you are confident that the kids are safe.

## What Penelope The Clown will do...

- \* When Face Painting, she only uses the highest quality, non toxic theatrical make up.
- \* Balloon animals present a choking hazard to children who put things in their mouths. Penelope only gives Balloons to children who appear to be over three.

## What you can do...

- \* Ask if guests have food allergies in advance
- \* Before the party, put away anything that could be a hazard to children, including sharp objects, medications, that coffee table that every kid hits his head on, etc.
- \* Ask a teenager to come to the party to help you supervise larger groups of young children.



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## **Lead By Example**

**It's normal for kids to get carried away, and forget their manners at a party. Sometimes adult guests need reminding as well.**

- \* **Talking loudly during the show makes it hard for the kids to enjoy the performance.**
- \* **Uncle Bob may be a very funny guy, but trying to upstage the performer takes away from the kids enjoyment. Ask him to help with something in the kitchen.**
- \* **Kids should be instructed to put their phones, games, and other toys or distractions away during Penelope The Clown's show.**
- \* **Parents are encouraged to watch the show with their children. Enjoy the magic through a child's eyes.**



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## **Charge Your Camera's Batteries!!!**

**Make sure you have an extra memory card, buy film, do what you have to do to capture the great memories of the Penelope The Clown's Visit.**

**Just don't be this guy.**

**Penelope The Clown can perform for the kids, or the camera, but not both.**

**Please give her space to work her magic.**



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# **Be Flexible!!!**

**Penelope The Clown is very flexible, and often adapts her plans last minute, to fit what she's doing to the kid's needs.**

**She was planning on painting faces, and making balloons, but if the kids really just want to play with that big cardboard box someone brought, who is she to say no? She might make her show longer, and let the kids watch from the box.**

**After all, the party is about the kids right?**

**Parents who are flexible with party plans enjoy the event much more.**



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# Balloon Safety

Balloons are lots of fun, but they do have a few safety rules that must be followed.

Children should never put a balloon, or a fragment of a broken balloon into their mouths. Otherwise a serious choking hazard exists.

- \* Never give balloons to children under three years of age, or to older children who are prone to putting things in their mouths.
- \* Always supervise children who are playing with balloons, and be sure they don't give their balloon to a younger child.
- \* Promptly clean up bits of broken balloons.
- \* Helium Balloons require extra caution. If inhaled, helium blocks the ability of the lungs to absorb oxygen. Never let anyone inhale helium, even though it makes your voice sound funny.



# **Lastly...**

**Ask yourself if there's any special info that should be passed on to your guests, or to Penelope The Clown before the party.**

- \* **Are you expecting kids with special needs?**
- \* **Is there a back up venue in case of rain?**
- \* **Will your pets be welcoming to guests?**
- \* **Is there a particular door people should use?**
- \* **Do you need a code to enter the building?**
- \* **Do you need to provide a parking pass to the performer?**



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