



## **Must-know April Fools Prank Etiquette**

It's April 1st, which means it's the one day of the year when playing pranks and jokes on our friends is acceptable. However, how far is too far when it comes to April Fools pranks?

Here are some prank etiquette tips you should follow:

- 1. **Nobody gets hurt:** We all know the saying, "It's all fun and games until someone gets hurts." April Fools should be no exception.
- 2. **Don't embarrass anyone... too much:** April Fools is all about having fun and keeping it playful. Many jokesters take the name too seriously (April "Fools"), and think the goal is to make someone look foolish. Trust us... it will backfire!
- 3. **No serious lies:** Try not to make up a huge lie that will truly worry or frighten friends and family. Like, "The cafeteria is on fire!"
- 4. **Know your audience:** Don't go joking with little kids who aren't ready yet. At the same time, tread very lightly with teachers, parents, and bosses. Your sense of humor and theirs might now always be the same.
- 5. **Always own up to being the culprit:** Have all the fun you want while it's happening, but once the joke is over, it's time to reveal yourself. If you aren't comfortable doing this, you shouldn't have started the joke to begin with.
- 6. **Check back:** Hopefully you have successfully completed your prank, and you followed the above steps. Now it's time you check back with those affected. Who knows how they would have taken it. Make sure no one got hurt and that they will eventually forgive you.
- 7. **Don't dish it out if you can't take it:** Sooner or later, the biggest jokesters turn into the ones having the joke played on them. If you aren't okay with this, stay away from the whole April Fools Day antics!

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