Here's a list of Do’s and Don’ts for handling your laptop.

DO:

• ...backup your files to your H: / drive routinely. This is the only storage space that provides you protection. Our network share drives backups are made every single night.

DON’T:

• ...carry the laptop around with the lid open. The hinges are susceptible to damage.
• ...use the laptop as a carry-all. We see people all the time loading the keyboard with paperwork, peripherals and pens and then shutting the lid on top of it and carrying it a meeting. This will likely damage the keyboard and most probably will scratch the LCD. The out of warranty LCD is sometimes as expensive as a new laptop.
• ...bring the laptop outside in the sun. To begin with, the hotter electronics get, the slower they become, and the faster they overheat the faster they... melt. Yes they can melt. Same goes for leaving it in car in the sun.
• ...keep it on while carrying it around; don't even put it in hibernation. If you just drop it while it's on you can damage your hard-drive and if your files are not backed up yet, you can lose them for good.
• ...poke the LCD screen with a pen or finger. What will happen though is it will damage the LCD and the display will end up looking like a rainbow.
• ...stack stuff on top of a closed laptop. It's not made to support books and paper work. Just touch the back of the LCD screen and press on it and see how easily it bends. If the back of the monitor doesn't get damaged, you can get a keyboard imprint into the screen.
• ...stuff it in a school bag or purse; we will provide you with a nice carrying bag with padding made especially for that very model of laptop.
• ...bump the CD/DVD drawer. These drawers are so small and delicate; the slightest hit could break them.
• ...leave your laptop un-padlocked on the desk.