



# How to Care for My Instrument

1. Always **loosen the bow** before putting it back in the case.
2. Always **wipe down your instrument** with a soft cloth before putting it back in the case.
3. **Never leave your instrument in the sun or exposed to high temperatures for very long.** Don't leave it in the car if your parents park in the sun. The glue that holds your instrument together will melt, and your instrument will fall apart.
4. Always check to **make sure your case is closed properly** before picking up the case.
5. **Do not leave your instrument or bow on the floor.** Someone may step on it accidentally.
6. **Do not let anyone else use your instrument!!!** Remember, it is your responsibility.
7. **Check your bridge every once in a while** and make sure it is not tilting too much towards your fingerboard or tailpiece. If it is, take it to the teacher immediately!
8. **Do not tap or hit your bow** on the floor, music stand, or play with it inappropriately because it could easily break.
9. If something does happen to your instrument, put it carefully back in your case and bring it to the teacher as soon as possible. **Do not attempt to fix it yourself!** You may make things worse.
10. **CELLOS & BASSES**—Make sure you put your endpin in before putting your instrument away.