## What Can Possibly Go Wrong

A Safety and Survival Guide for Kids

It aims to instil in children one premise: Before you do anything

stop and ask yourself, What Can Possibly Go Wrong?

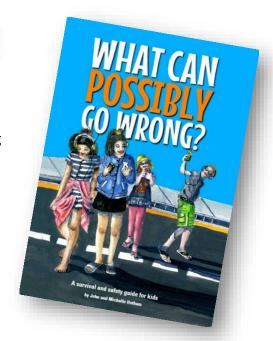
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**Description:** A non fiction children's picture book for ages 3-9. It has rhyming verse and 28 illustrations featuring everyday scenarios and possible outcomes. The purpose of the book is to pre-empt accidents by giving parents an opportunity to discuss different scenarios with their young children.

**About the Book:** What Can Possibly Go Wrong started as a hand drawn book for a grandson who was always rushing into things without thinking. John who has painted and exhibited for many years drew a number of scenarios and outcomes. Then people were saying we need that book.

Very quickly friends and relatives were suggesting scenarios from the own experiences until we had a large number. We decided we could not fit more than 14 scenarios into one book so we had say stop.

To create the paintings John enlisted the help of children and their parents. we would pose the children and create a scenario which John could then draw and paint. What fun we had in this process! We used local children, nieces and grandchildren all ably supported and encouraged by their parents. I can tell you that asking a girl to simulate being sick into a bucket is something which is not greeted with enthusiasm. On the other hand putting a young boy up into a tree and telling him to hang on by one hand while kicking his leg out is!

As each painting was finished Michelle wrote the rhyming verse which flowed from the action in each painting

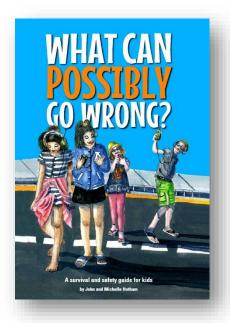
All the kids who have seen the book have become very motivated finding occasions to say What can possibly go wrong, especially to their parents. Several parents have told us it has helped them out when trying to tell their children about safety and thinking first.

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Book Launch Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm Birkenhead, Auckland. RSVP



## **Scooting Downhill**

This footpath looks fun and I want to go fast

But Mum says slow down before a driveway is passed

But as quick as I can I am zooming away

Too busy to listen to what she will say

## You need to ask yourself...



My nose is all squashed and I've busted my scooter

I'm sitting in bed with a plastered-up hooter

Next time I'll slow down I will listen at last

Until I have checked it's safe to go fast

- Look out for cars coming out of driveways.
  Concentrate, check, listen.
  Make sure you can use the brake.
  Always stay in control and scoot safely.





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