



Instrument Care Guide

Trombone

Musical instruments are made to give years of service as long as they are looked after properly. This guide will explain how to care for your instrument.

- Never store anything on top of your instrument in its case as this can cause damage to the instrument. It is best to keep your music in a separate folder.
- Don't place your instrument unattended where it may fall or on the floor where it may get knocked or stood on.
- Don't play after eating or drinking soft drinks as this will help cause the build-up of bacteria on the inside of the instrument.
- If your mouthpiece gets stuck, please **don't attempt to remove it yourself**. Your teacher will have a special tool to remove it without causing damage to the instrument.

**If anything goes wrong then please do not attempt to repair it yourself.
Contact the Jersey Music Service on 832230**

Maintaining Your Trombone

- Regularly apply slide cream and water to your slide to keep it working well (your teacher will show you how).
- Regularly apply slide grease to your tuning slide to avoid them getting stuck.
- Remove any water from your instrument after playing using the water keys.
- Clean your instrument regularly using the steps below to keep it working well.

Cleaning Your Brass Instrument

Brass instruments should be flushed out once every 2-3 months to clean out any accumulation of dirt and to prevent corrosion. A good place to do this is in a bathtub.

1. Fill the tub with lukewarm water and a mild soap.
2. Remove your tuning slide and the outer slide from the inner slide.



3. Place the instrument, mouthpiece, tuning slide and outer and inner parts of the slide in the water.
4. Use a snake brush to clean inside the tuning slide, bore of the instrument and slide.
5. Use a mouthpiece brush to clean the inside of the mouthpiece.
6. Once all tubing has been cleaned, remove the instrument and dry with a soft cotton cloth.
7. Apply slide cream and water to the slide and grease to the tuning slide before reassembling.