

## **Seven Deadly Sins of how not to look after a Laptop.**

1. Eat in the kitchen, you would be amazed how much damage can be done to a keyboard from those stray crumbs! Hot or cold drinks can cause hundreds of pounds worth of damage.
2. Keep it clean, just a few minutes each week will prolong the life expectancy of a laptop. Use an antiseptic hand wipe and give and exert minimal pressure. A keyboard that is never cleaned can have more germs per inch than your toilet seat.
3. Be gentle with your screen, a quick wipe with a duster can do more damage than good, use several damp pieces of kitchen roll and wipe the screen as if you were cleaning glasses.
4. Don't leave it out in the cold, older machines in particular do not always survive swift changes in temperature.
5. Are you working in a laptop friendly environment Dust and damp can cause all sorts of problems. Laptops absorb both dust and damp.
6. Just how good is the bag your laptop is in? That plastic bag might look pretty, and the sports kit was clean and fresh once! Good padding is the key, a good quality bag can be bought from £20.00.
7. Go gently with your ports, the worst damage is often caused by failing PSU sockets. Wiggling the plug might make it work for a few days, but it will cause more damage to the motherboard, which makes it harder and more expensive to repair.