

USING HAD BETTER NOT

Take a look at this sentence with **had better not** from the situation *Driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway*:

Woman: Dan, you'd **better not** *stand* too near the edge. It doesn't look safe.

Keep these hints in mind:

- We use **had better not** when we want to advise someone that something should *not* be done, or there will be negative consequences.
- We do not contract the word *not* in the expression **had better not**.
- The verb that follows **had better not** is always expressed in the infinitive without *to*.



Now take a look at another example with **had better not**:



"You **had better not** *flirt* with Cindy. Have you seen the size of her big brother?"