

Congratulations
TO EVERYONE WHO
WAS BORN IN THE
1930's 40's, 50's and 60's
!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking .

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drink

**with sugar in it, but we weren't
overweight because...**

**WE WERE ALWAYS
OUTSIDE PLAYING!**

**We would leave home in the
morning and play all day, as long
as we were back when the
streetlights came on.**

**No one was able to reach us all
day. And we were O.K.**

**We would spend hours building
our go-carts out of scraps and
then ride down the hill, only to
find out we forgot the brakes.**

After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, **no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!**

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no

Lawsuits from these accidents .

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given toy guns for our 10th birthdays,

Made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

We had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. **They actually sided with the law!**

this generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned

**HOW TO
DEAL WITH IT ALL!**

**And YOU are one of
them!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!

PS -The big type is because your eyes are shot at your age