

## Correcting the Run-on

A *run-on* is a sentence in which two independent clauses have been combined incorrectly.

**There are three common types of run-ons:**

### 1. The fused run-on

The fused run-on is a sentence in which two independent clauses are joined without any punctuation or coordinating conjunctions between them.

Example:      Buying a house is a big step it can also be an important investment.

### 2. The comma splice

The comma splice is a sentence in which two independent clauses have been joined using a comma but without using a coordinating conjunction.

Example:      You should tour the house several times, many consumer advocates recommend checking the water pressure and electrical system.

### 3. The “and” run-on

The “and” run-on is a sentence in which two or more independent clauses have been joined using “and” (or another coordinating conjunction) but without using a comma(s).

Example:      Do not sign a contract without getting a building inspection and it is a good idea to apply for pre-approval for your loan and many home buyers are embarrassed to ask enough questions to make sure they understand the their mortgage before closing the deal.