

Top 10 Tips for Camera Phone Pictures

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Whether you're a novice or a pro with your camera phone, we've got some tips that will help you get more camera phone pictures. So grab your camera phone and get started!

Take lots of pictures

Since your camera phone is always with you, take advantage of capturing those spontaneous moments. Take lots of pictures to increase your chance of capturing just the right shot.

Use pictures to communicate - it may be faster and easier for both you and the recipient.



I can give you a ride to the party.



Look what I found at the yard sale!

Move in close

Many camera phones lack a zoom lens, so make sure you move in close to capture your subject

Fill your phone's display screen with your subject to create pictures with greater impact. Up close you can reveal telling details - a wrinkled nose or an arched eyebrow.

Don't get too close or your pictures will be blurry and distorted. As a general rule, stand about one to two feet from your subject.



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Too far

Shoot at eye level

Direct eye contact can be as engaging in a picture as it is in real life. When taking a picture of someone, hold the camera at the person's eye level to unleash the power of those magnetic gazes and mesmerizing smiles.

For children and pets, that means stooping to their level. Your subject doesn't have to stare at the camera - all by itself that eye level angle will create a personal and inviting feeling that pulls you into the picture.



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Too high

Watch the light

To create impactful pictures, move in close and fill your viewfinder or LCD with the subject.

Unless your camera phone has a built-in flash, low light = bad picture. Try to take pictures in bright light. Without adequate lighting, your camera phone pictures will look dark and grainy.

In sunlight, move around where the sun beams onto your subject. Indoors, turn on extra lights to brighten your subject.



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Too dark

Use a plain background

A plain background shows off the subject you are photographing. When you're ready to take your picture, force yourself to study the area surrounding your subject. Make sure a tree isn't growing from the head of your subject and that no cars seem to dangle from their ears.

Check your picture in the your phone's display screen and retake it if necessary.

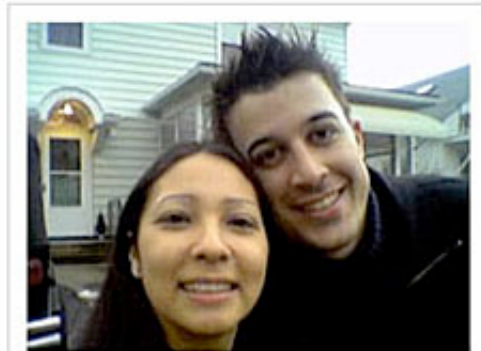


Try different angles

Start by shooting at eye level. *CLICK*

Capturing many angles will add variety and interest to your photos.

Keep the ones you like, delete the ones you don't.



Horizontal



Shot from above

Set resolution to high

Many camera phones include a low, medium, and high resolution setting (picture quality).

Setting your camera phone to the highest setting gives you the best quality pictures.

The quality difference might not be apparent on your phone's display screen, but you'll see it on a computer screen.



Camera resolution setting

Discover your phone's capabilities

Flip through your phone manual and see if your phone has any of these features:

Picture messaging - send pictures from your phone to others.

Picture effects - snap black & white or sepia pics or add different frames.

Photo caller ID - set a picture for people in your address book so it appears when they call.

Wallpaper - save your favorite picture as the background for your phone.

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Photo caller ID

Stay still

Jittery hands cause blurring.

Keep your hand still a second or two after shooting, since the shot is still processing.

When you hear the click sound, it doesn't mean you captured the photo, it just indicates that you pressed the shutter.



Be courteous, be legal

Cell phone etiquette includes being mindful of its camera. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind.

Ask permission before taking people's picture.

Don't use your camera phone in places like health clubs or theaters.

Places like airplanes, courthouses, concert venues, and military bases, don't allow cameras or phones. Abide by their rules.

Phones have limited storage space. Send pictures to online photo sites, like KODAK EASYSHARE Gallery, instead.

