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Helpful Tips When Using a Smartphone to Take Great Pictures

Smartphones have changed a lot in the last 20 years. Some are very simple and others are more advanced. Our phones are always with us so it's often much easier to capture life's important memories on your phone than to bring along a big, fancy camera. However, the camera on our smartphone is only as good as we know how to use it. For that reason, it is essential we know how to use the camera to take good pictures.

As many of you upgrade or change phones every few years, know that you need to learn how to use the new device, including the camera. If you want to learn how to take good pictures with your smartphone, here are some tips and links to help you learn different techniques.

How to Take Good Pictures When Using Your Smartphone:

1. Understand your device when taking a photo with your smartphone.
2. Adjust your phone photography to the subject.
3. Apply best practices and photo tricks to phone photography.

Here are several links to help you take great pictures using different types of phones. Click on the links below the type of smartphone you have and learn some new techniques.

iPhone

- Ten Tips for Taking Great Photos with Your iPhone: <https://www.imore.com/ten-tips-taking-great-iphone-photos>
- How to Shoot on iPhone: <https://www.apple.com/iphone/photography-how-to/>
- How to Take Photos with Your iPhone: <https://www.dummies.com/consumer-electronics/smartphones/iphone/how-to-take-photos-with-your-iphone/>

Android (brands include LG, Samsung, Motorola, Nokia, Sony, Google Pixel and more)

- 10 Android Photography Tips for Beginners: <https://www.androidcentral.com/10-android-photography-tips-beginners>
- How to Take Pictures on Android: <https://www.wikihow.com/Take-s-on-Android>
- How to Take Pictures with an Android Phone: <https://www.dummies.com/consumer-electronics/smartphones/droid/how-to-take-s-with-an-android-phone/>

Capturing the Best Picture

When capturing your picture, it's important to keep a few details in mind:

- Think about the format the picture is intended for (e.g.: Facebook, website, newspaper, etc.).
- Hold your hands steady; this will help keep your subject in focus.
- Never be afraid to take lots of pictures, as you never know what memories you'll most want to remember.

Once you have taken pictures, post them to your Auxiliary's Facebook page. If your Auxiliary doesn't have a Facebook page, start one! It's free and a great way to share photos of your Auxiliary in action in your community. Make sure to put your Auxiliary's events and everything your Auxiliary is involved within the community on the page. Share these pictures on your personal Facebook page and encourage other members to do the same. Everyone needs to know what your Auxiliary is about!