

PHOTOGRAPHY CHECKLIST

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A Basic 'Check List' of items to verify before taking photos...

CAMERA

Batteries Charged / lens clean / any filter on lens ?

ISO setting

Control selection/priority - Auto/Program/Aperture/Shutter/Manual

White Balance setting - AWB / Tungsten /Cloudy

Light meter setting - spot /matrix/ average

Auto-focus - center / automatic / selective

Exposure Compensation required for unique lighting or subject brightness

Tripod needed - show shutter speed or using long focal length lens

CREATIVE

Depth-of-field desired - shallow or deep

Shutter speed - appropriate for subject movement /hand holdable min. = 1/focal length

Fill Flash needed – to reduce shadows or backlit subject

Flash exposure compensation needed (-1 or more for fill flash)

COMPOSITION

Light direction - side/front/back

Shadows - include in composition or flash fill

Subject – Primary / secondary / accent objects

Placement - Rule-of-thirds or center subject

Triangulate objects

Patterns or colors

Perspective – elevation / lateral view adjustment

Wide-angle - deep & dramatic / subject coverage

Normal - as you see it naturally

Telephoto - compressed images / getting closer to distant objects / fill the frame

Action / motion shot - select appropriate shutter speed

Exposure compensation needed for light or dark objects ?

FILTERS

UV - lens protection

Polarizer – to reduce reflections, enhance color

Specialty filters needed,, ie; cross-star, diffusion, etc