

8 RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Stay Close

- ❑ The closer you get to the subject, the better the pictures will be
- ❑ Show just enough of someone to make the picture clear and interesting

2. Get people active

- ❑ Expressions need to be relaxed and natural

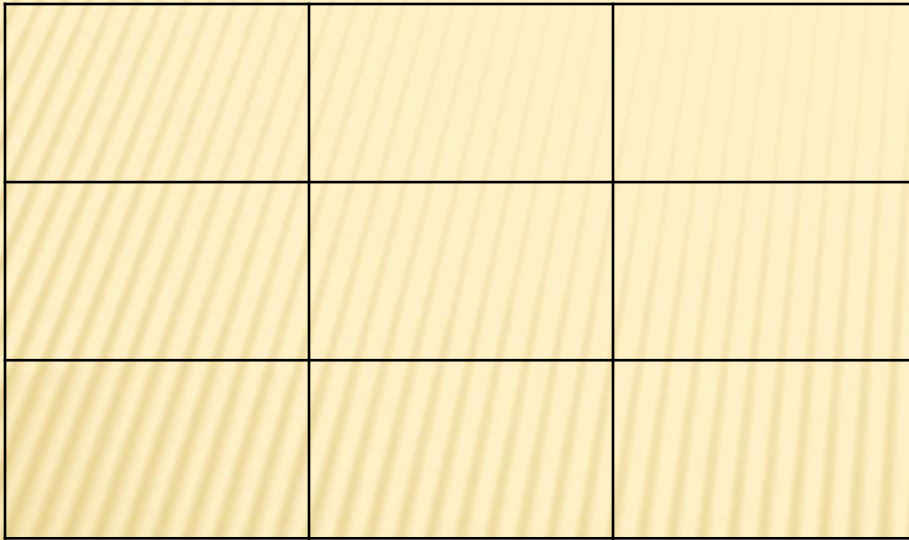
3. Stay off centre

- ❑ Composing your shot off centre makes the composition more dynamic

- ❑ The Rule of Thirds:

The rule of thirds involves mentally dividing up your image using two horizontal lines and two vertical lines (as shown below). You then position the important elements in your scene along those lines, or at the points where they meet.

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The idea is that an off-centre composition is more pleasing to the eye and looks more natural than one where the subject is placed right in the middle of the frame. It also encourages you to make creative use of negative space, the empty areas around your subject.

4. Use a simple background

- ❑ This focuses attention on the subject and makes for clear, strong pictures

5. Good lighting

- ❑ Lighting makes pictures colourful and dimensional and flattering to the subject
- ❑ Natural light is the best
- ❑ Usually, the main source of light should be placed behind you

6. **Hold the camera steady**

- ❑ This is vital for a clear shot
- ❑ Hold arms against body to steady camera

7. Angles

- Use unusual angles for photos

8. Take a variety of shots

- ❑ Take more than one photo of the scene using a variety of elements in the same scene