



## Making a film with your mobile phone

Key points to bear in mind when making a film with your mobile are:

- Keep the phone steady
- When you must move the phone, move it slowly (if you want to see what's happening on the screen)
- Your camera phone may provide several screen sizes for video. Check the video settings and set the video mode to the largest you can find. If your camera phone has a removable memory card, you don't have to worry about the size of the video file, because you should easily be able to copy large files onto your computer
- Unless lighting conditions are exceptionally good, it's difficult to record anything recognizable indoors. Outdoors scenes are better
- Record short clips rather than long scenes. Some camera phones restrict the length of a single take to 10-30 seconds and that's a good goal: if you can't film it in 30 seconds, you may not have any idea what you are shooting in the first place (see our storyboarding section!)

For further tips on recording footage with a camera phone, check the handbook that came with your phone, or try resources online such as <http://www.avecmobile.com/index.php?id=594> \*

*\*please note that all software packages and other materials from external websites are downloaded at your own risk and not the responsibility of the Family Friendly Film Festival*



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