

HANDY TIPS FOR RECORDING SOUND

1. When recording sound for video, the quality will be greatly improved if you use an external microphone as opposed to the on-board mic.
2. Make sure the microphone is not too close to the sound source, otherwise you will get a popping sound on the recording.
3. Make sure everyone else present in the room is quiet when you begin recording.
4. Make sure every member of the crew is ready before beginning recording.
5. Remember the sound catchment area of a rifle mic, is similar to a torch beam. It gets wider as it travels further away from the microphone.
6. With a tie mic, make sure it is clipped on firmly, with no loose clothing, jewellery etc, to disrupt the quality of sound.
7. Make sure everyone present turns their mobile phones off, the recording will pick up interference from them.
8. Place a note on the door of the room you are filming in, letting people know recording is in progress.
9. Make sure the various leads you are using, do not cross over each other, as this can cause interference.
10. Remember to ALWAYS do a sound check before recording, and make sure you are satisfied.
11. Finally, if you're not happy with the sound, ask for another take, you'll be glad you did when it comes to editing!!