

TRINITY COLLEGE AND CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND JUSTICE PHOTOVOICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN HARTFORD

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS AND ETHICAL/SAFETY GUIDELINES

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS-5 KEY COMPOSITION TECHNIQUES



Leading Lines – Use natural or man-made lines to guide the viewer's eye through your photo.



Negative Space – Allow empty space around your subject to make it stand out and create impact.



Rule of Thirds – Place your subject off-center (about 1/3 into the frame) for a more dynamic composition.



Perspective – Experiment with different angles—bend down, look up, or get close—to add interest.



Light & Shade – Shoot during sunrise/sunset for rich lighting and shadows, or experiment with backlighting.

Remember: There's no right or wrong way to take photos—capture what feels real and meaningful to you!

ETHICAL/SAFETY GUIDELINES

As a photographer on this project, you have the power to capture images that reflect your views on important community issues. However, with this power comes responsibility. It's crucial to consider ethical guidelines to protect both yourself and the people in your photos.

Respect others' privacy

- Ask consent to photograph people (use consent form handout)
 - Keep one copy of the form; give one copy to the person photographed
 - Don't photograph minors without parental consent
- Ask consent to photograph private property or personal belongings
 - You don't need consent for photos of public figures, or people who cannot be specifically identified.

Avoid physical and emotional harm

- Will entering this space harm me or others?
- Will taking this photo harm someone reputationally?
- Does this photo accurately represent the overall situation?

Thank you for being mindful photographers! By following these guidelines, we ensure that all photos in this project are taken ethically and respectfully.

