

# Digital Camera Care

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The best resource for camera care and safety advice is the user's manual that comes with your digital camera. Listed below are a few of the steps you can take to ensure that you and your camera will be snapping happily for many years to come.

1. Store your digital camera in a cool, dry place away from windows, furnaces, and damp basements.
2. Never open your camera's casing or attempt to repair the camera yourself.
3. Keep everything together in a padded case with a good strap for easy transport.
4. Use a lens cap when you're not using your camera.
5. Bring along some cleaning supplies for both your camera and its lenses.
6. Always keep your camera with you. You never know when a million dollar picture will occur.
7. Wipe the entire surface of the camera using a clean, dry, soft cloth.
8. Use an air blower (or simply blow gently) on the camera lens and LCD screen to eliminate dust.
9. Wipe the lens and LCD screen with a clean, soft, lint-free cloth or a specially made lens-cleaning tissue. (NOTE: Be sure that this tissue is not chemically treated, because this can cause scratching.)
10. Bad weather and stormy seas can make for inspiring photographs. But exposing your camera to moisture can cause it to malfunction.

When shooting in bad weather, put camera in plastic bag and poke a hole in the bag where the lens can poke out – and take the picture(s).