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PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS



STEADY YOUR SHOT

With night photos, the shutter speed will be slower causing your camera to shake. So use a tripod... it will give you the greatest flexibility to get the angles you need while keeping your camera steady for long exposures. The timer solves the problem of camera shake from pressing the shutter.



TRY USING MANUAL FOCUS

Even pro-quality cameras can have trouble automatically focusing in very low light situations. So try using the manual focus until the desired portion of the scene is in focus. And, to see more detail if your subject is dimly lit, or far away, use the "live view" mode (your camera's LCD screen) if your camera has this option.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING LIGHTING

Take photos with a full moon for maximum illumination. If the moon is hidden in the clouds, wait until the clouds pass by. Or, use the artificial light from streetlights, vehicles and buildings. With artificial lighting, take photos with the flash and without and later choose the one that is best after some editing.



USE NIGHT PORTRAIT MODE

Many of today's point-and-shoot cameras have a Night Portrait Mode. This setting tells the camera that you want the flash to fire but that you also want the lens to stay open long enough to record the lights in the background. The flash exposes the face. The long exposure captures the lights.