7 IMPORTANT TIPS BEFORE ARCHIVING AND PRESERVING WAR FOOTAGE







WHY ARCHIVE?

Figure out why you're saving these videos and who benefits as a result. This will help you make smarter choices.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Think about who might get hurt and how serious the risks are. This could include legal trouble or holding evidence that could be used against someone. If it's too risky, it's okay to step back.

TRUST BUILDING

Build trust with movements and organizations who can help you with the archiving process and with whom you can exchange skills and resources.

THE RIGHT TOOLS, THE RIGHT WAY

Make sure to control who is allowed to have access to your videos. Consider edits such as blurring faces to protect people's identities. Keep it safe and respectful.

CONSENT

Getting clear permission is not just polite—it's the right thing to do. If obtaining consent is a challenge, think about how to keep everyone safe and respected.

STAY FLEXIBLE AND ADAPT

Things can change, and minds can too. Plan to keep seeking permission, and make sure to provide options for people who change their minds or want to be removed from your collection.

THINK AHEAD

If your collection is important for fields related to information, culture, history, or law, then make a plan. Work with others when possible, and decide how long to keep these records—or if you need to keep them at all.

Find more guidance here: www.witness.org

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