6 Tips for Effective Videoconferencing

Best practices and proper etiquette are important as more teams and departments make the switch—whether permanent or temporary—to using videoconferencing as a primary communication method.

Given the increased use of video calls and the impact they can have on your workday, it's beneficial to maximize your time spent in these meetings. Take a look at the following statistics:



The average videoconference lasts **31 to 60 minutes.**



43% of employees believe that using videoconferencing can enhance their productivity while working remotely.

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Consider the following tips for your next video meeting:

- **1. Place the camera at eye level.** Look at the camera—instead of yourself on screen—when you're talking.
- **4. Mute yourself when not talking.** Wearing headphones can also help prevent disruptive background noise.

2. Check your background.

If you're sitting in a distracting location, blur your background, select a neutral background image or move to a less-cluttered spot.

5. Wear clean and appropriate clothing.

Dress appropriately for your audience and wear what you typically would if it were a face-to-face meeting.

- **3. Check your lighting.** Try facing a window or using a lamp to brighten up your webcam appearance.
- **6. Do a test run.** Schedule a test call with a co-worker to ensure everything looks and sounds good.

Video calls don't need to be intimidating or feel like a hassle. Consider how these best practices can help your next meeting run smoothly.



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