

# Video Equipment, Cameras, and Cell Phones

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*Leave your video equipment at home.* The taping at homes of families served creates difficulties and is contrary to ASP's philosophy. **We cannot be flexible with this rule.** Remember that we are in Appalachia to uphold the dignity and worth of those whom we serve.

*Do not bring cameras to the home* until a relationship has been established. Take pictures of people whom you want to remember, not "before and after" shots of the work. You will not need cameras until Wednesday or Thursday and please always get permission of your family members before you start snapping those pictures. If they say "no," then respect their decision.

*Cell phones at the work site are a "no no."* There's too much work to be done to spend time talking on the phone. In addition, this may be ultra-insensitive to the family you're serving. Remind your volunteers that they are in Central Appalachia to make new friends, bond with their crews, and to work on homes, making them warmer, safer, and drier. There will be plenty of time to talk on the phone once they are "on the road" again. So for the sake of all, ask volunteers to either leave them at home or if they must bring them, to leave them in the vehicle during the work day.

## Computers at ASP?

Sure we have computers at ASP – at our offices in Johnson City, Jonesville, and Chavies, and our summer staffs may have them to keep track of their records, paperwork, etc. But why do **YOU** need a computer during your work week with ASP? If you need a computer, why are you coming to ASP anyway? (Just a question!)

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR LAP TOP COMPUTERS AT HOME.** There is no place for you to use them while on your mission trip. Phones are at a premium at ASP's centers. They are strictly for business and emergency use by the staff. Staff have many calls that they must make in order to run their center. (Remember your contact call? You waited anxiously for your call to know what tools to bring, etc.)

Therefore, we must tell you (and please tell your group leaders up-front) that there are no places for them to "hook up" during their ASP week. Lap tops and other electronic equipment can no longer enslave your adult leaders during their week with ASP.

No one will be allowed to use ASP phone lines for lap top computers!

**A no-no during  
your ASP week!  
Give yourself a  
break! You need it!**

