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Since I wrote the last article on mobile phones so much newness and advancement has been made that I just have to write another one. Of course there are thousands of lost souls still using their phones as a form of escape from the outside world and many others talking to a dialing tone, but now they can take photographs of themselves as they do it.

The mini-camera phobia has now reared its ugly head and although it has long been a futuristic novelty idea it is now with us for real - phones with cameras in them. The James Bond life style can be with us all! The cost of these phones is prohibitive to all but the fashion conscious desperate, those with lots of money and the Koreans. In Korea 4 million handsets have already been sold to the gadget crazed population. Four million little mobile phones with a camera lens in them have been purchased by four million potential spies.

Allot of bad publicity has followed the development, introduction and us200200age of these cameras worldwide. Most of the bad press has focused on the possibility of spying on others in a simple and effective manner - as highlighted by the woman who used her new acquisition to photograph a poor innocent bather in one of Koreas many public baths. The bathers were naked: the young girls showing off their fine bodies and in the corner was a crabby old lady talking on a mobile phone, ignored by the crowd. Only she wasn't talking on the phone she was taking photographs of the nudity surrounding her. A few days later this lady sold these photographs to Web Sites around the world and made allot of money.

It is not all bad though. Recently a phone was used to photograph a sex maniac on the prowl. A young lad snapped shots of the driver and the license plate of a car and subsequently submitted them to the police. The driver had followed the boy making rude suggestions and innuendo but soon found himself arrested: with the possibility of five years in prison.

Although the hype and media opinions have focused on the negative side of these expensive gadgets it is not without cause. Happy ending stories like the one above are far and few between and even in the short lived history of these phones they have been used illegally or for illegal purposes on

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numerous occasions. It has been such a worry for the thirds largest mobile phone manufacturer that they have banned them in their office buildings to prevent spies from having an easy time. Samsung the very company that pioneered the sticking of a lens into a phone have banned them on the factory floors, the office buildings and corridors and have even gone to the extent of fitting X-ray machines that will sound warning if a person has one on their person. A Samsung Official was asked about this latest ruling and he stated that, "camera phones are handy and the quality is so good it can be used for Industrial Espionage". So whilst trying to justify the ban from the very place that they were invented he also got in a good bit of advertising.

At 400,000 Won (300 GBP), a third of a typical households monthly income these phones are expensive. But it has not prevented a country were 3/4 of the population possess a mobile phone and were all have become crazed over them. Their popularity is soaring, their uses are multiplying and their

dependency is increasing on a daily basis. Everybody must have one; everybody will scrimp and save on food and clothes until they have one and without which life is not worth getting up in the morning for.

Since their introduction in 2001, one fifth of mobile phone carriers now have a camera type one. It is not just the camera that attracts such fervor and desperation to own one. As one Korean housewife called Moon Ae-ran said, "I can turn on the washing machine and other home appliances with my mobile phone even when I am out shopping". In fact she went on further to say that, "How can I live without this thing?"

"A mobile phone can get you to your destination, for example, the closet, gas station or whatever" said Lee Sang Chul. Mr Lee is a thirty seven year old business man who spends 200GBP on his phone bills every month. How he has survived without it is anybodies guess and how he has ever managed to conduct business when he doesn't even know where his closet is even harder to imagine but such is life in Korea. He went on to say that "it has so many cool functions. It's a part of my life".

Back at Koreas majority phone producers' headquarters workers and visitors are trying to come to grips with a life without a phone. Directors are desperately reading instruction manuals on 'How to Use a Land Line Phone' and workers are queuing up to use coin phones that have been dusted off and re-installed.

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Basic Camera Mobile Etiquettes You Must Know

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The demand for mobile phones is increasing day by day, the demand for camera mobiles also have no exception. The introduction of camera mobiles has caused rapid increase in sales of these phones all over the world. Along with the widely accepted demand for the camera phones it also created some controversy because of the improper use of the camera mobile. There is no problem in having fun with your camera mobile, but you have to make sure that you are not exceeding the limits.

The following article throws light on some of the etiquettes that every one has to follow while using camera mobiles.

Respect others privacy

This is the basic thing that has to be kept in mind by a person using camera mobile. It is not advisable to snap pictures of others without their consent. This will be considered as a serious offense. So it's better to avoid trouble by respecting others privacy.

Never use camera mobiles in banned places

The use of camera Phones is banned in some places. The use of such phones should be avoided in those banned areas. In the same way the use of camera mobile is restricted in certain areas, in such areas its better to ask the authorities regarding the extent of restriction.

Keep away from mass mailing

In the resent past the habit of circulating pictures of other people without their permission has increased at an alarming rate. Taking pictures, morphing them on your PC and circulating is also highly unadvisable. This will be treated as a serious criminal offense and will result in severe punishment in many countries.

Shut the camera lens when not in use

Always try to shut the lens of your camera mobile when not in use. This helps a lot in avoiding problems. This has to be followed properly because there are people who might get offended even if a camera is pointed at them.

Just use your common sense

Always use your brain to realize that not every one will like to receive MMS messages, just for the simple reason that most of the networks will charge the recipient for downloading the MMS messages.

Turn off camera's flash wherever applicable

Its better to turn off your camera's flash wherever applicable. For example if you are snapping pictures

in a zoo the flash light can be distractive.

By following the simple steps mentioned above it's possible for every one to keep out of the basic mistakes that may occur while using camera mobile. So have fun with your camera mobile, but within limits. And you can get more camera phone reviews from

Author Description

is a site that is designed for camera mobile phones.

The site provides extensive information on camera phone reviews, buying guides, imaging tips etc.



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