

FOR SHOOTING OUTDOORS

 Permits

- Do you **need a permit** to shoot in a public outdoor location? Check with your **local film office**. In Chicago you need a permit anytime you or your equipment will be blocking a sidewalk or street. If you are blocking a street you will need to budget for a police officer to control traffic. To learn more about when a permit is required and to apply for a permit visit <http://www.cityofchicago.org/FilmOffice/procedures.html> or call the Chicago Film Office at (312) 744-6145.

 Power

- Do you have access to electricity? If not, make sure you have enough **battery power** for your monitors, cameras and lights.

 Audio

- Make note of your **location sound issues** - traffic patterns, bus stops, trains, air traffic, nearby construction, etc.
- Plan for wind**. To avoid audio problems caused by wind, use a foam windscreen for lavalier microphones and shotgun boom microphones. On really windy days opt for a Zepplin on the shotgun.

 Lighting

- Where is the sun** when you are shooting? Depending upon the angle and intensity of the sun you might want to use HMI Lights (5600 degrees Kelvin Daylight equivalent) to light the subject and reduce intense shadows.
- You can use a silk to **diffuse direct sunlight** hitting the subject. This will even out the lighting, decrease harsh shadows, and cut down the intensity of the sun.
- You can also use a net to **darken the background** to match the foreground. If you are shooting in the shadows, and the background is in the sun, you may want to use a large net to prevent overexposing the background.
- A flag can be used to keep **direct sunlight off the subject**.
- Neutral density filters can be used to **allow less light through the lens**, allowing you to control the depth of field.
- Not enough sun?** You can use reflectors to redirect existing sunlight onto the subject.

 Handy Accessories

- Heavy duty stands for lights, nets, flags, etc.
- Weights and sandbags to hold lights, reflectors, and nets in place.
- Rope to secure nets, frames, etc.

