



# 5 Easy Steps to Get Started with Audio

## 1

### Microphone Selection

Review your camera's spec sheet for the audio input type (line level or mic level). Then choose a microphone with the right pick-up pattern for your installation, usually omni-directional.

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## 2

### Microphone Placement

Install the mic within a few feet of the sound you want to hear. Because of how sound diminishes over distance, the farther away from the sound the mic is, the harder it will be to hear. Avoid placement in corners or next to air vents.

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### Cabling

Use 18/2 or 22/2 AWG shielded cable to connect your mic to your camera or DVR. Unshielded cable may act as an antenna and pick up unwanted interference, creating static in the audio.

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### Enable Audio

Make sure the camera or DVR audio settings are enabled. In some cases you may also need to enable audio in your VMS before sound will be included with the video signal.

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## 5

### Provide Notification

Whether through signage, written memos, or other means, we always recommend giving notification of audio being used with your video system.

## Hear What Your Cameras See