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## Composition Checklist

### 7 Steps to Successful Photos

- ☑ Frame subject with [full face, front view, eyes open](#) measuring (2 inches from corner to corner)
- ☑ Make sure photo presents [full head](#) from top of hair to bottom of chin; height of head should measure (1 inch to 1-3/8 inches)
- ☑ [Center head](#) within frame (see Figure 2 below)
- ☑ Make sure [eye height](#) is between (1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches) from bottom of photo
- ☑ Photograph subject (minimum 4 feet) against a plain white or off-white [background](#)
- ☑ [Position subject](#) and [lighting](#) so that there are no distracting shadows on the face or background
- ☑ Encourage subject to have a [natural expression](#) no smile or angry faces, no expressions face
- ☑ No white spots on the subject, full focus subject, No glasses on subject.

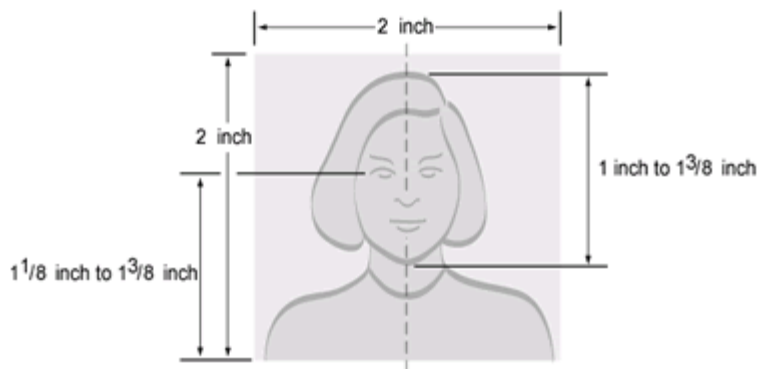


Figure 2. Head Position & Placement

## Samples of Well-Composed Photos

