

Things to consider before entering the studio

If your band is planning on recording a song, an EP or even a whole album, then you should keep some of the following tips in mind. These tips can save you time and money, as well as making your studio experience that much more worth your while.

Prepare your song(s)

This seems obvious but sometimes it just gets totally overlooked. The last thing you want to do - especially if you're working on a budget - is to waste time figuring out the arrangement of a song, lyrics, amp settings or the tempo. All this should be decided before entering the studio.

Also, make sure everybody in the band knows all the parts of the songs - We all know when the bass player says "Oh, you guys are playing C? I always played D." ...enough said.

Practice makes perfect

The best way to make sure that you don't feel nervous, on the day the engineer is about to press the record button, is to practice the song. Practicing not only makes sure that you know your parts, but it also means that your guitar/drums/vocals will sound more confident and overall this translates into a better sounding take.

Book a consultation

Booking a consultation with a sound engineer could save you both time and money.

A meeting allows the sound engineer to plan ahead for your session and answer any questions and concerns that you might have.

Make your instruments sound as good as they can

Let's be honest. No sound engineer in the world can make old, worn out strings and drum heads sound new again. Make sure that you replace old strings or drumheads a day before or on the day you enter the studio. Don't forget to have spare strings ready, just in case - they could be a lifesaver!

Singers should take extra care of their voice in the days leading up to recording. This also leads us to the next post:

Hangovers are bad

It's hard to keep focus and play tight when your head is spinning from the night before. So get a good night's sleep and meet up well-rested and have a clear head for any decisions that you might have to make during the recording.

If you're a singer, rest your voice, drink plenty of water (including room-temperature water - ice is bad for vocal cords!).

If you follow these steps - You're a long way already.

Thanks for taking time reading this, we appreciate it. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).