

SD Card Recovery Checklist

If there's footage on a failing card you need, work through these steps in order — **before** you reformat or keep recording.



1 Stop recording immediately

The moment you realize the footage matters, power the camera down or turn recording off. Every minute it keeps writing, it may overwrite the very clips you're trying to save.



2 Remove the card

Take the microSD card out of the camera and set it aside. Don't keep using it for anything else until you've finished the recovery attempt.



3 Preserve or image the card first (where practical)

Connect the card to a computer with a card reader. If you can, make a full copy — an "image" — of the card first, then run recovery on the copy, so the original isn't changed if something goes wrong.



4 Run recovery software

Use a tool such as **PhotoRec**, **Recuva**, **EaseUS**, or similar to scan the card for video files. Save anything you recover to your computer — **never back to the same card**.



5 Set honest expectations

Recovery works often enough to be worth trying, but it is **not guaranteed**. Overwritten or badly corrupted footage is frequently gone for good, and continuous-recording cards overwrite themselves by design.

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These steps give you the best chance, but no tool can promise results on a worn, corrupted, or already-overwritten card. When footage is critical, stop and preserve the card as early as possible — that single step matters more than any software.