

10 FACT SHEET



Using your CCTV in a responsible and proper manner

Check

With your local authority before you install a CCTV system as certain installations require planning permission.

Positioning

Decide on the most effective positioning of the camera(s) and field of view. Make sure that your CCTV camera(s) trained on your own property rather than that of your neighbours. You may want to get further advice about siting a camera from your local Police Crime Prevention Officer.

Installation / Maintenance

Whilst it may be possible to do this yourself, if you intend using a private company it is always a good idea to check references first to satisfy yourself they are of good character. Whilst most are reputable, there are still some who may use this unique opportunity to gain inside knowledge of your system.

Safety

Ensure your camera(s) are fitted and installed correctly, securely and safely to avoid risk to either you or other members of the public.

Tenancy agreement

Failing to request permission to install CCTV at your property could be breach of your tenancy. Always get permission prior to installing CCTV.

Remember ...

Whilst it is lawful for you to monitor your own property for security purposes, the manner in which CCTV is used, in particular where the field of view covers areas outside your property, may have legal consequences.

Cameras being deliberately trained on areas outside an individual's property, could amount to harassment and potentially give rise to prosecution under the Public Order Act or Protection from Harassment Act.

Everyone has the right to respect for private and family life