



# Advice on the use of CCTV in your home

CCTV systems at home can help Police to identify individuals who are engaging in anti-social behaviour and secure convictions. It can be a reassuring presence to help fight against crime.

## CCTV in your home

Domestic CCTV systems are now widely available, and many can link to your smartphone or tablet to allow you to view your property from anywhere. If you are interested in installing CCTV, it is important you know and understand the laws and regulations. When positioning the cameras, owners should ensure, where possible, that they only capture their own property. If this isn't possible and the CCTV captures someone else's property, a public area or communal space, then data protection law applies, as it counts as personal information. You can access more information online: [www.ico.org.uk/for-the-public/home-cctv-systems/](http://www.ico.org.uk/for-the-public/home-cctv-systems/)

If you intend to install CCTV, it is recommended to discuss this with your neighbours beforehand, as they may have privacy concerns.

## Benefits of CCTV in your home

- Peace of mind-feeling safe and secure
- Crime prevention deterrent
- Remote monitoring of your home from a tablet or phone
- 24/7 surveillance
- Evidence collection
- Reduces likelihood of your home becoming a target

## How can officers use your CCTV as evidence?

Visual evidence can be of huge benefit in the event of a criminal investigation. It allows investigators and a court to see what has taken place, clearly and objectively. It can also be extremely helpful to a case where the identity of a suspect is not known. Police can use still images from footage obtained to identify those involved.

Remember, you can register on **Northamptonshire Talking** as having CCTV which allows us to see where CCTV is available in your area should an incident take place.

