

PREVENTING CRIME

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

When considering installing Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) the risk management process plays an important role. Risk management assists to identify threats to your business asset including people, property and information. Before introducing CCTV into any business it is essential to establish what is it that management expects to achieve from the installation of CCTV.

CCTV may deter and/or detect crime, provide evidence to the police as well as promote the perception of safety and reduce the fear of crime among your clients, staff and the general public.

Here are some factors management should consider when installing CCTV.

How is the CCTV system going to be monitored?

Monitoring modes will play an important part in establishing camera placement, selection and capability of the CCTV system. There are three monitoring modes:

- active monitoring where surveillance is conducted by personnel using CCTV cameras
- passive monitoring where surveillance is conducted by personnel who undertake other activities or duties
- recording whereby images are recorded and accessed for historical intelligence, investigative and/or evidentiary purposes.

Other considerations should include:

- What type of recording systems will best suit your business?
- How long the footage should be stored for?
- What happens if the power fails?
- Where will the cameras physically be placed to maximise coverage?
- Do you need analogue or IP cameras?

For further information please visit www.police.sa.gov.au or contact your local police station.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.



