



# Guidance for Domestic CCTV systems including Doorbell Cameras



Anyone who owns and operates CCTV cameras or any other CCTV technology including doorbell cameras needs to be aware of data protection law.

**If you set up your system so it captures only images within the boundary of your private domestic property (including your garden), then the data protection laws will not apply to you.**

But if your system captures images of people outside the boundary of your private domestic property – for example, in neighbours' homes or gardens, shared spaces, or on a public footpath or a street then the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA18) will apply to you, and you will need to ensure your use of CCTV complies with these laws.

**We would advise that you inform your immediate neighbours if you are installing one in order to reassure them that their properties are not being recorded and what you will do with images recorded.**



## You must do the following things:

-  **Have a reasonable purpose** for captures images within and beyond your boundary
-  Let people know that **cameras are recording** the area (e.g., signage in the area)
-  Only capture images you need for your purpose and **delete when no longer needed**
-  **Keep the data secure** and do not allow it to be misused



More detailed guidance about using domestic CCTV systems can be found on the website via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/domestic-cctv-systems-guidance-for-people-using-cctv/>

Anyone who is filmed outside the property boundary of a camera has legal data rights, such as the right to receive a copy of the footage and the right to have that footage erased. If there is a security breach or misuse of the footage, a data subject can lodge a complaint to the ICO and seek a remedy via the court.

Full information about data subject rights can be found on the ICO website:

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**It is important to keep people and homes secure, but we think it is important to be familiar with the issues and law that can be associated with this, such as data privacy.**

If you need to speak to Stockport Homes about any data protection issues relevant to the properties and neighbourhoods we manage, please contact the Assurance team at [assurance@stockporthomes.org](mailto:assurance@stockporthomes.org)



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