



The TRUSTED[®] CCTV Improvement Project

CCTV and Civil Liberties - The TRUSTED[®] CCTV "TCIP Privacy Scale"

It's easy to lose sight of the fact that the deployment and operation of Closed Circuit Television, isn't simply about the practical objectives, or even the technology itself. Wherever surveillance cameras are to be used, this can have an effect on the level of privacy afforded to individuals within the area being surveyed.

To help address this important issue, the following Privacy Assessment Scale has been devised, to help CCTV Users and Operators convey the nature of their operation to a wider audience. - it is intended to offer a degree of guidance only, and is not designed to provide an absolute benchmark for all situations. As with other "TRUSTED"[®] CCTV evaluations, it may be applied at either a 'Global', 'Macro' or 'Micro' level, either for System Profiling or where deemed appropriate.

Level 1 - Absolute Privacy - An area or location which is deemed to require the highest level of confidentiality, and is therefore completely sanitised of any operational CCTV cameras.

Level 2 - High Confidentiality, High Risk - Surveillance cameras are permitted if appropriate and authorised at the highest level. Images produced are of contextual benefit only, providing either low resolution or pixellated / obscured facial content designed to have maximum privacy safeguards in place.

Level 3 - High Confidentiality, Low Risk - Surveillance cameras are permitted if appropriate and authorised at the highest level. Images produced are of contextual benefit only, providing low resolution or wide field minimal target presence, such that an individual's identity is not recognisable or determinable on either display or recording playback.

Level 4 - Confidential or Restricted - Surveillance cameras are permitted where appropriate in carefully defined locations, with the capability of producing images that are intended for identification of individuals within that area only. Collateral Surveillance is not permitted.

Level 5 - Sensitive - Justifiable use of CCTV cameras when used responsibly and appropriately. Recognisable images of individuals are permitted, and Collateral Surveillance may be included if authorised by an appropriate or affected third party.

Level 6 - Contractual or Implied Consent - The appropriate use of security cameras in situations where those individuals being monitored or recorded are aware and in agreement, that the systems in place are being used both for their safety and the protection of other property.

Level 7 - Acquiescence - In general terms, any individual present within a CCTV monitored area accepts that the surveillance cameras are to be operated responsibly 'for a common benefit'.

Level 8 - NLEP - Where there is 'No Legitimate Expectation of Privacy', for example on a public street, or privately owned and operated train station platform, it is to be expected that the sites owner or manager will provide some level of video surveillance to achieve various operational objectives related to either security, safety or site management issues.



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