

CAMERAWATCH CCTV DATA PROTECTION COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT/ASSURANCE SCHEME



What is the scheme?

CameraWatch's aims and objectives are to improve all aspects of CCTV surveillance regarding the legal obligations under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1988 and the Information Commissioner's Office's CCTV Code of Practice (Revised Edition 2008).

CameraWatch launched the "CCTV Data Protection Compliance Assessment/Assurance Scheme" on 27 October 2009 – designed for public and private CCTV Control Centres.

Mission/Vision:

- To raise standards in CCTV surveillance in the interest of the public, police and customers.
- To achieve recognition as the benchmark of public confidence in CCTV good practice.
- To achieve recognition as the benchmark of public confidence in compliance with data protection laws

Values:

CameraWatch is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that believes high standards are paramount.

Customers:

The CCTV Data Protection Compliance Assessment/Assurance Scheme has been designed specifically for all public and private CCTV control centres throughout the UK.

Working in Partnership - Police, Government and Insurers:

CameraWatch works closely with all agencies. The scheme is intended to raise standards, influence policy, support the prevention and detection of crime and help reduce the risks associated with non-compliant CCTV systems.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

In consultation with the UK Information Commissioner's Office, CameraWatch facilitates the implementation of the CCTV Code of Practice, by providing a single source of good practice guidelines designed to support data protection compliance in the use of CCTV systems, their operation, procedures, management of images and, where appropriate, prosecutions using CCTV evidence.

Scheme details:

The scheme covers:

- Legal responsibilities
- Audit performance and yearly objectives
- Data protection compliance assessment
- Assessment and attainment of achievement levels at Silver, Gold and Platinum levels.

Our goal is for all customers to achieve the highest standard of Data Protection Compliance for their CCTV systems.

Gordon R Ferrie,
Chief Executive Officer

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Audit, Performance and Yearly Obligations:

Compliance covers a number of aspects of the system but quite simply it means that the system is fit for purpose, that good practice is used and that since images are individuals' personal data/information, all information collected is managed under the DPA.

However, there is no point in having an audit and making good any issues raised if it is not regularly reviewed. What is compliant at present may not be compliant – or indeed needed – in 12 months time.

As stated by CameraWatch and the Information Commissioner, an audit/assessment should be carried out annually to ensure that your CCTV system is complying with the law. CameraWatch recommends that this should be an external assessment and carried out by experts in CCTV Data Protection compliance.

Data Protection Compliance Assessment:

In 2010, CameraWatch will roll out the “CCTV Data Protection Compliance Assessment Scheme” for CCTV Control Centres, in the public and private sector.

The aims of the Assessment are:

- To raise the standards of DPA Compliance for CCTV systems
- To ensure the continuing confidence of CCTV by the public
- To increase the awareness of the legal requirements of using CCTV systems
- To assist management and controllers to achieve the highest possible standard in their current work practices
- To aid prevention and detection of crime
- The preservation of human rights
- To ensure compliance.

The objective of the Assessment is:

- To support organisations, both public and private, to become DPA compliant for their CCTV systems
- To reward the organisation on achieving the highest possible standard in CCTV Surveillance compliance.

The Achievement Levels of the Assessment are:

- Platinum Level–1 Compliance (Fully Data Compliant)
- Gold Level–2 Compliance (85% Data Compliant)
- Silver Level–3 Compliance (70% Data Compliant).

Attainment of Achievement Level:

If the Platinum Level is not achieved at the initial assessment, CameraWatch will support an improvement programme to address and correct the observed deficiencies in order to enable attainment of Platinum Level.

Assessment and Attainment of Achievement Levels:

- Independent Assessments will be carried out by CameraWatch personnel matching the CCTV systems and data management with a standard set of compliance assessment criteria
- Achievement Levels will reflect the degree of data compliance achieved by the CCTV system. The highest level of the three Achievement Levels will be PLATINUM and the lowest level of Achievement Level will be SILVER. A middle level of achievement will be GOLD
- Should a CCTV system not achieve 70% on assessment, no achievement level will be awarded
- Gold and Silver levels are a stepping stone to full compliance
- Platinum Level–1 is the only level which recognises a CCTV system which is fully compliant with data protection laws.

Roll out of Scheme:

The scheme will commence on 1 January 2010.

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*ANY SECURITY CCTV CONTROL CENTRE JOINING CW WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL "ASSESSMENT SCHEME" RATES

RATES*
MEMBER &
NON -MEMBER

PARTNERS x 3

- * SOLUTIONS PROVIDERS
- * STRATEGIC
- * TECHNOLOGY
- * LOGISTICS
- * TRAINING
- * DISTRIBUTION
- * LEGAL ADVICE
- * MANUFACTURE
- * INSURERS
- * COMMUNICATIONS
- * OTHERS

*CAMERAWATCH RECOMMENDED

