

# Purpose of CCTV

The purpose of a CCTV system will typically fall into one (or more) of the following categories:

## Deterrence

Overt (obvious) cameras installed to deter unwanted actions. A convenience store with full body type cameras placed in highly visible locations with a monitor in customer view is an example. The purpose of this system is to *deter* customers from shoplifting. Signs may be posted as well letting the customer know the system the system is in place. Signs are an inexpensive way to make the system more effective.

## Observation

Overt or covert (discrete or disguised) cameras installed to observe actions. An office environment with full body cameras in public areas and covert cameras in private areas is an example. The public cameras may be used to view employee productivity, and possibly to serve as a deterrent. The private cameras may be in offices where theft problems have occurred previously.

## Documentation

Cameras installed to document actions. Either one of the above mentioned system can be connected to a recording device to document activity for later review and possible prosecution.

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