

Security Camera Installation Tips

- Always consult local authorities regarding video surveillance before installing security cameras.
- For business applications, place a camera at every entrance. This allows you to record and monitor everyone who enters and exits the building.
- Outdoor cameras are weatherproof, but their power sources are not. Make sure that the power adapter is in an area that is free from water and moisture. If this cannot be accomplished, seal the power connections to help prevent damage.
- Make sure the lighting near your camera is roughly the same brightness as the area you are monitoring. For example, if you place your camera in a dark room and aim it towards a well lit room, you will likely get poor image quality. The lighting needs to be the same to obtain the best results.
- Do not aim your camera towards a bright light source such as the sun. This may damage the camera or prevent it from displaying images properly. When installing the camera, before screwing in the mounting bracket, check the image on the screen to see if the picture is clear from direct bright light sources.
- If your camera's lens gets dirty, use a soft, lint free cloth to wipe it clean. Never use an abrasive material as this could scratch the lens.
- Pan/Tilt/Zoom cameras should only be used if you have a dedicated person monitoring your video. Otherwise it is recommended that you use a fixed position camera.
- For night viewing you must have adequate lighting. Consider buying a night vision camera (one with infrared LEDs) or installing a light near the camera to illuminate the area.
- If you are installing a DVR for recording purposes, make sure it is locked up and inaccessible by visitors.
- Cameras should be installed in a location high enough so that people cannot tamper with them.