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# **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION MONITORING AND RECORDING OF PUBLIC SPACES**

## **Policy Statement**

The Division of Safety may use closed circuit television (CCTV) and recording to monitor public areas to deter crime and to assist in protecting the safety and security of persons and property. The use of television monitoring and recording activities will be restricted to common areas or highly sensitive areas where increased security is needed, in GW-owned, controlled or leased property (where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy). However, CCTV may be used as an investigatory technique under certain circumstances in the private office of a faculty/staff member, with concurrence from the Office of General Counsel (OGC).

## **Reason for Policy**

The purpose of CCTV monitoring and/or recording of public areas is to deter crime and to assist in protecting the safety and security of persons and property in the university community.

## **Who is Governed by this Policy**

Faculty, staff and students

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## Contacts

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