

BS7958 – Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), Management and operation code of Practice

This British Standard gives recommendations for the operation and management of CCTV within a controlled environment such as a control room. It applies where data that might be offered as evidence is received, stored, reviewed or analysed. It also applies to the monitoring of traffic regulations.

The standard provides recommendations on best practice to assist users in obtaining reliable information that can be used as evidence. Compliance the Data Protection Act is strongly recommended, particularly where schemes include an element of observation of the public

It applies to CCTV schemes used in public places such as the following:

- Areas where the public are encouraged to enter or have a right to visit, such as town centres, shopping malls, public transport, health establishments, etc.
- Schemes that overlook a public place, such as traffic monitoring schemes
- Private schemes where a camera view includes a partial view of a public place.

The standard also provides good practice for all other CCTV schemes and has been drafted to incorporate the 12 guiding principles in the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice.

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