



## Role of CCTV Cameras in Sphere of Crime Reduction







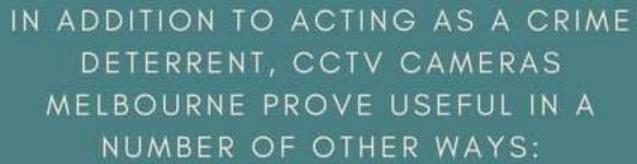
CCTV camera is a mechanism that helps to prevent crime by acting as a deterrent to the potential lawbreaker. It does not eliminate the occurrence of crime but it definitely increases the fear of capture in the mind of the lawbreaker thereby de-motivating him to commit the crime.

However, for the security cameras to act as a restraining factor to the potential lawbreaker there is a need for the existence of two elements:

- The lawbreaker should have knowledge about the camera presence
- The lawbreaker's fear of capture through the camera's presence must be greater than the greed of crime booty.

#### DO CCTV Cameras Reduce Crime?

However, the existence of the above two factors is not guaranteed thus negating the impact of CCTV camera installation. Yet the CCTV cameras have the potential to reduce crime. How? This is by way of assistance provided to the police in identifying and catching the culprits who can be convicted under the local law. Publicizing such events can stop the occurrence of future crimes and robberies in the CCTV installation areas.







### Enhances Feeling of Safety

Installation of CCTV cameras in public places makes the people using the area feel safer to move about. Again increasing awareness about the installation of security cameras will lessen the fear of crime among the people and lead to an optimistic economic impact. Consumer buying will be thus enhanced.



#### Assists Police Investigations

The important role of CCTV

cameras Melbourne in detecting
offenders cannot be denied.

Camera footage has helped and
will continue to help police
authorities in capturing offenders
who might otherwise not have come
into their custody. The camera
recording can even help in the
conviction of the lawbreaker.



#### Providing Medical Relief

Public CCTV cameras help in providing medical assistance to people affected by injuries due to criminal activities like burglaries or assaults. Medical help can also be obtained in situations that are not crime related.



#### Location Management

CCTV cameras perform several other important functions such as locating lost kids, controlling flow of traffic, monitoring demonstrations or public meetings. This relieves the burden on the local police authorities to some extent. Cameras positioned at strategic locations help top police officers in determining how they should respond to a particular incident; whether there is a need for sending in extra police force for handling inflamed situation or not.



# Collecting Information

CCTV cameras are helpful in monitoring the behavior of known offenders; their movements can be watched without them being aware of it. For example, a watch can be kept on shoplifters. Intelligence can be gathered through the security cameras; however, this information has to be translated into the required action.

#### Summarizing

Many criminals are not aware of the full extent of the camera's capabilities and hence out of fear and ignorance they will restrict their wrongful activities in areas which are not under the purview of the cameras. Truly, advanced technology has been highly useful in apprehending criminals and helping to reduce the criminal activity on an overall scale.





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