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CHECKLIST SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT



Businesses & Organisations

This checklist is provided for general guidance. It is intended to help you consider whether CCTV is necessary and, if so, whether its use complies with relevant data-protection and legal requirements. It should be adapted to your specific circumstances and is not a substitute for formal legal advice.

You remain responsible for ensuring that any CCTV system you install or operate is necessary, proportionate, and compliant with all relevant data-protection and legal requirements.

SECTION 1 - PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

Define the purpose: clearly document and explain why surveillance is needed and ensure no less intrusive means exist.

Identify your lawful basis under Schedule 2 of the DPJL 2018.

Assess necessity and proportionality of system coverage, retention, and angles.

Carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for high-risk deployments (e.g., drones, public areas, staff monitoring). Make sure it covers:

- Purpose & necessity
- Data types collected
- Risks to individuals
- · Mitigation measures
- Retention, access, deletion
- Keep it under review and re-do it for any system changes.

Assign responsibility: nominate a responsible person, consult your DPO, update ROPA, and consult JOIC if unsure and/or if required.

SECTION 2 - DESIGN & PROCUREMENT

Design the system/choose equipment to minimise intrusion and ensure privacy embedded by design and default (masking zones, limited resolution, encryption).

Provide clear and prominent signage stating controller, purpose, contact info, and link to privacy notice.

Execute any necessary Data Processing Agreements with installers, hosting providers, or monitoring service providers.

Implement encryption, access control, password/MFA protection, and maintain access logs.

Keep devices up-to-date and physically secured.

Define retention periods, automatic deletion, and log retention exceptions.

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SECTION 3 - DEPLOYMENT & OPERATION

Train staff who operate or view footage. Keep a record of training provided.

Publish a CCTV/surveillance policy outlining scope, access, deletion, and misuse sanctions.

Provide/make privacy notices available. If cameras cover staff or visitors, notify them explicitly (e.g. staff handbook, visitor notices).

For drones or mobile units, publish online notice and post area signage..

Prepare to handle subject access, erasure, objection, and restriction requests within statutory times. Keep a record of all requests and outcomes.

Implement breach response policy and ensure staff know what to do in the event of a breach (including notifying th JOIC within 72 hours if risk to individuals is likely).

Review system annually: reassess necessity, effectiveness, retention, and decommission/destroy any obsolete data/equipment. Document any review and update any DPIA/ROPA as required.

SECTION 4 - TECHNOLOGY-SPECIFIC ADD-ONS

Drones/UAVs: Register with CAA Jersey, plan safe flight paths, use geofencing and altitude limits, avoid private properties, enable recording control.

ANPR: Limit capture to number plates, avoid occupants, maintain short retention and audit logs.

Body-worn video: Record only during incidents, use visible indicator lights so people know when they're recording, and train staff on activation.

Audio recording: Capture only if strictly necessary, use explicit signage, and avoid continuous recording.

SECTION 5 - REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Surveillance Policy – Defines scope, responsibilities, retention, and data subject rights.

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) – Demonstrates necessity, proportionality, and safeguards.

Privacy Notice - Transparency for data subjects.

Processor Agreement – Legal contract for third-party providers.

Retention Schedule & Log – Duration and deletion records.

Access Log – Records all footage access/export events.

Breach/Incident Log – Evidence for JOIC and internal audit.

Annual Review Record – Reassesses ongoing need and compliance.

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