

Mentor Public Library
Video Surveillance and Recording Policy (2305.00)

The purpose of video surveillance is to deter crime, to aid in protecting the safety of individuals, and to secure the property and assets of the Mentor Public Library. Video surveillance complements other measures to ensure compliance with the Library's Behavior Policy and other Library policies in creating a safe and secure environment for patrons and staff.

Video surveillance of areas for security purposes is conducted in a manner consistent with other existing Library policies, and is limited to uses that do not violate the reasonable expectation of privacy. Areas under surveillance may include, but are not limited to, those of public use, staff work areas, parking lots, and grounds. Targeted video surveillance is prohibited if such observation is based on the characteristics and classifications that would be considered discriminatory under law (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, etc.).

The existence of this policy does not imply or guarantee that any or all cameras are recording images, or are monitored in real time, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week.

The Library's security records are not public records under O.R.C. 149.43 and they are not subject to mandatory release or disclosure except as required under that section. See O.R.C. 149.433(B). The footage may be made available to public safety forces or the courts under some conditions including subpoena or exigent circumstances.

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