

61628 School Safety

What is the criteria and process used in secondary schools to determine the scale, type and location of CCTV systems?

This is considered at Planning stages along with Police Scotland's Architectural Liaison Officer through 'secure by design' and predominately covers external areas and certain internal areas which are deemed best for the protection of persons and the detection/prevention of crime.

How many CCTV camera are installed in each secondary school?

Please refer to the table below.

| Secondary Schools | CCTV Cameras |
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| Castlebrae High School | 16 |
| Currie High School | 17 |
| James Gillespies High School | 49 |
| Leith Academy | 32 |
| Liberton High School | 16 |
| St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School | 20 |
| Trinity Academy | 30 |
| Wester Hailes Education Centre | 16 |
| Portobello High School | 35 |
| Balerno High School | 16 |
| Boroughmuir High School (New) | 30 |
| Craigmount High School | 18 |
| Drummond Community High School | 16 |
| Firrhill High School | 28 |
| Gracemount High School | 19 |
| Royal High School | 36 |
| Broughton High School | 57 |
| Craigroyston Community High School | 57 |
| Forrester High School | 37 |
| Holy Rood RC High School | 54 |
| St Augustine's RC High School | 38 |

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| Tynecastle High School | 37 |
| Queensferry High School | 45 |

What is the criteria and process used for determining the use of body worn camera systems for council staff or locations?

Deployment of Body Worn Cameras within a particular team or setting is subject to a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA). This allows the Council to determine if use of Body Worn Cameras is reasonable, proportionate and done in a manner that is compliant with UK data protection law.

Body Worn Cameras are used by Fraud and Visiting Officers during interviews and investigations to ensure compliance with data protection legislation and to safeguard officers and the public.

Body Worn Cameras are provided to officers to record interviews during investigations of anonymous allegations, aiming to protect staff and provide evidence in case of complaints or incidents. The recordings are made with the interviewee's knowledge.

This activity involves only the Customer/Transactions service area and does not include automated decision-making or external data sharing agreements.

Currently, no Body Worn Cameras are worn by our Facilities Management Security team, however, these are being considered as protection for their Security operatives, as safety for "Lone Working" security operatives.

How many body worn cameras are in use by council staff or in council settings?

Within the Customer Fraud team, seven officers wear and use Body Worn Cameras.

Body Worn Cameras worn by Parking Attendants have been excluded from your request as Parking Attendants are not Council employees.

No other Council staff have been identified as wearing Body Worn Cameras.

What is the data protection policy and privacy policy in use for council CCTV and body worn camera recordings?

The Council has a CCTV Code of Practice which has been developed in line with the Council's Information Governance Policy and data protection standards.

What is the council policy and procedure guidance in use in schools, especially secondary schools, for intruders on site/ school lockdown procedure?

How does the council assess the effectiveness of such safety procedures?

Our council building emergency protocols are used by the Health and Safety Duty Holder in the event of:

- a bomb threat, suspect vehicle or suspicious package threat to, or within, any Council-staffed premises where the building facilities are managed by the Council

- the intrusion of an individual or group looking to cause harm or with malicious intent, into any Council-staffed premises where the building facilities are managed by the Council.
- a threat from an individual or group looking to cause harm or with malicious intent, within or in the vicinity of any Council-staffed premises where the building facilities are managed by the Council.

Building lockdown plans are developed for each council-staffed building, by the Health and Safety Duty Holder. The lockdown plans provide clear guidelines to follow, for those involved in the response to a hostile intruder scenario.

Further specific details of such policy and procedure guidance, and how their effectiveness is measured, cannot be provided and is withheld under Section 39(1) – Health, safety and the environment.

In 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 how many intruders in school alerts have there been?

In 2024/25 we had one reported incident of an intruder in a school.

In 2025/26 we have had eight incidents reported of intruders in schools to date.