

CCTV – Privacy Statement for UC website

The University of Canterbury operates CCTV on its campuses (which for the purposes of this statement include any halls of residence managed by the University located outside of the main Ilam and Dovedale campuses), including cameras on car parks for vehicles. This means that we may collect and hold information about what individuals are doing on University property. Some of our security staff also carry body cameras on their person.

CCTV cameras operate 24 hours a day.

Information will be stored in our databases or those of our service providers and all reasonable security measures to prevent privacy or security breaches will be maintained. Where a service provider is located outside of New Zealand, personal information held by us may be transferred overseas.

Why do we need CCTV and body cameras?

Our purposes include:

- The deterrence of criminal activity
- The safety of staff, students, and members of the public
- The protection of property
- To assist in the investigation of incidents involving staff, students, or members of the public
- To assist in the management of the campuses and any halls of residence that may be located outside of the main Ilam and Dovedale campuses.

How long is the information retained?

Information is retained on a 30-day rolling basis. This means the footage from day one will be deleted on day 31 and replaced with new footage.

How do the body cameras work?

To record an individual, the employee in question would need to turn it on. It will then save everything 20 seconds prior and onwards until the camera is turned off again.

Will this information be disclosed?

Information collected will not be disclosed outside the University unless it comes under the exceptions of the Privacy Act, such as responding to a police warrant. The information collected may be accessed by University staff and used for the purposes specified in this statement. Limited information may also be provided to vehicle owners or their authorised agents, to pursue compensation or damages claims (where applicable).

Who can access this information?

Individuals identified on CCTV or body cameras have the right to ask for access to footage about them. We will make information held about an individual available to them upon request and in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020, which also describes the conditions under which information may be withheld. Individuals have the right to request correction of personal information held in accordance with Principle 7 of the Privacy Act 2020. If an individual wishes to seek access to their personal information, or inquire about the handling of their personal information, please contact the Information and Records Management team at privacy@canterbury.ac.nz.