

# Video Recording Systems

## Seattle Police Department (SPD)

### What is the technology?

SPD has two camera systems used to record and/or monitor members of the public within specific, secure locations in SPD facilities.

These systems record events that take place in a Blood Alcohol Collection (BAC) Room, precinct holding cells, interview, and lineup rooms.

### Why do we use the technology?

Creating a visual record of activities that occur within the BAC rooms and precinct holding cells provides a measure of accountability for both SPD and involved community members. The video and audio recording of victim, witness, and suspect interviews aids investigations and prosecutions of crimes as well as enhances public confidence in the practices of SPD.

#### Collection

These technologies record only the images and sounds that occur during an SPD interview of a witness, victim, or suspect, and activity in BAC rooms and precinct holding cells.

#### Use

The video-only live feed is used to monitor the interview rooms when no SPD detective is present. This system is also used to create a video record of interviews for the purposes of use in criminal justice proceedings.

#### Protections

Signage is clearly posted in all SPD precincts indicating that audio and video surveillance is in progress. These signs are posted both at the entrances to holding cells and inside recorded areas.

Standard procedure dictates that interview subjects are always advised of the presence of the recording or asked for their permission to record.



The open comment period for this technology is currently underway. You can provide comments to [Seattle.gov/Surveillance](https://seattle.gov/surveillance).

All comments will be included in the Surveillance Impact Report on this technology and submitted to Council.

If you would like to provide feedback outside of the open comment period, please submit them directly to City Council.