



## What Exactly Is The SafeCam Program?

Whenever the police are in your neighborhood taking a crime report, they may canvass the area to see if anyone saw, heard, or are aware of anything suspicious. This is a very time consuming endeavor. Armed with the knowledge of locations of security cameras, police can better focus their investigations. This has proven helpful in many investigations where suspect vehicles or suspects themselves have been picked up on third party camera systems.

## FAQs

### Do The Police “Take Over” Or Have Access To The Monitoring?

No. The cameras and the footage recorded remain your property and the police do not have access to it unless you voluntarily hand it over if it is requested. Registration with Rahway SafeCam, and continual involvement with it is purely voluntary. You can withdraw your registration at any time.

### Why Do The Police Want This?

The objective of the program is primarily to build a database of camera locations in our community. Adding a security camera to your property is an excellent crime prevention tool. Crime prevention is everyone’s responsibility. The presence of cameras is a deterrent to crime. Allowing the police quick access to potential recordings of crimes in progress is a way for citizens to help make our communities safer for everyone.

### Are You Asking Us To Do The Job Of The Police?

No. We are asking you to take an active part in helping make your community safer. Neighborhood Watch is a recognized crime prevention initiative that started many years ago; police asked neighbors to look out for neighbors. This is the technological extension of that program.

### Will Anyone Be Able To See The Database?

No. The list of registered properties is kept confidential and only the police will have access to it. When a crime occurs, officers can locate the scene on a crime map, and instantly see which residences have security video that may be of use.

### Are The Police Encroaching On Our Privacy?

No. The program is one hundred percent voluntary. You may be visited regardless by officers conducting an investigative canvass if a crime occurs in your neighborhood. In addition to being asked about the specific event, you may be asked if you have cameras. You are free to decline to assist the police.

### How Will I Share The Footage From My System With The Police?

Specially trained officers will extract the video from your system, and retain it for evidence.

### Is It Easy To Enroll?

Yes. The form to register is very user friendly, and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Just visit, [www.rahwaypolice.com](http://www.rahwaypolice.com), and click on the link for the Rahway SafeCam program. A writable form will appear. Complete the entire form, and hit the submit button. It’s that simple.



### What Can I Expect After I Register?

Upon registration, you will receive a personal visit from a Rahway Police Officer to verify the enrollment information. Additionally, the officer will discuss important details about the program, make suggestions on camera placement, and can also conduct a site security survey. Upon completion of this process, you will receive a program decal that should be placed in a visible area on your home.

### Why Do I Need A Decal?

The decal alerts people to the presence of security cameras, and helps to serve as a deterrent to criminals. The benefits extend beyond the home to include the community. Criminals are less likely to strike if they know they are on video, which increases the chance of being identified.

### Will I Be Contacted A Lot Because Of This?

Initially, you will be contacted by a police officer to verify the accuracy of the information on your application. At that time, you will receive a program decal, and the officer will answer any additional questions that you may have about the program. After that, you will only be contacted if an incident occurs in your neighborhood and police think your security cameras may have recorded something relevant.

## What You Should Know If a Suspected Crime is Caught on Your Video System.

- Contact the Rahway Police Department immediately at 732-827-2200.
- Do not show the video to anyone other than the police.
- Do not make copies of it. A specially trained police officer will retrieve the video from your system.
- If you have a security company managing your recording system that uses off-site recording technology, contact them after notifying the police. Tell them steps may need to be taken to secure and provide a recording to the police.
- Always have at least one employee available who knows how to access & operate the machine, and who can assist the police in reviewing & retrieving copies of the video.
- Do not allow anyone to operate the video machine if they don't know how to use it, as they may accidentally erase the video.
- Have a routine in place to periodically check camera operations and recordings.
- Do not disconnect or remove power from the recording system.

## Know Something About a Crime? Don't Keep It a Secret.

If you have important information to share with the police, the Anonymous Crime Tip Line enables you to give RPD vital information anonymously. Just dial 732-388-1553 (Rahway Police TIPS Line), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also email tips to neighborhoodwatch@rahwaypolice.com. Your name will not be used, only the information you provide.

## Deter Crime Around Your Business / Residence and Help The Police Hold Offenders Accountable.

Your surveillance system can help to raise awareness, deter crime, and help to catch perpetrators of serious crimes in your community.

## How You Can Help: Let the Community Know You Have a Camera.

Cameras can only help prevent crime if people know they are there. If you have a CCTV or other camera system, you

are encouraged to post a Rahway SafeCam decal in a conspicuous place indicating that a surveillance system is operating, and that you will share recordings of suspicious events with the police.

### Tell Us About Your System.

In addition, you can help support criminal investigations by notifying us about your system. This can help accelerate the investigations if a crime occurs near your place of business or residence, which can help the police to quickly identify suspects and witnesses.

Your participation is entirely voluntary and costs nothing. The benefit to you is the knowledge that you will be helping the police prevent and deter crime.

### How Do I Notify You of My Equipment?

You can notify us about your equipment by registering your system at [www.rahwaypolice.com](http://www.rahwaypolice.com). Click on the link for the Rahway SafeCam program. Thoroughly complete the SafeCam registration form, and hit submit. You will be contacted by a member of the Rahway Police Department once we receive your completed application.

### What Will Happen Next?

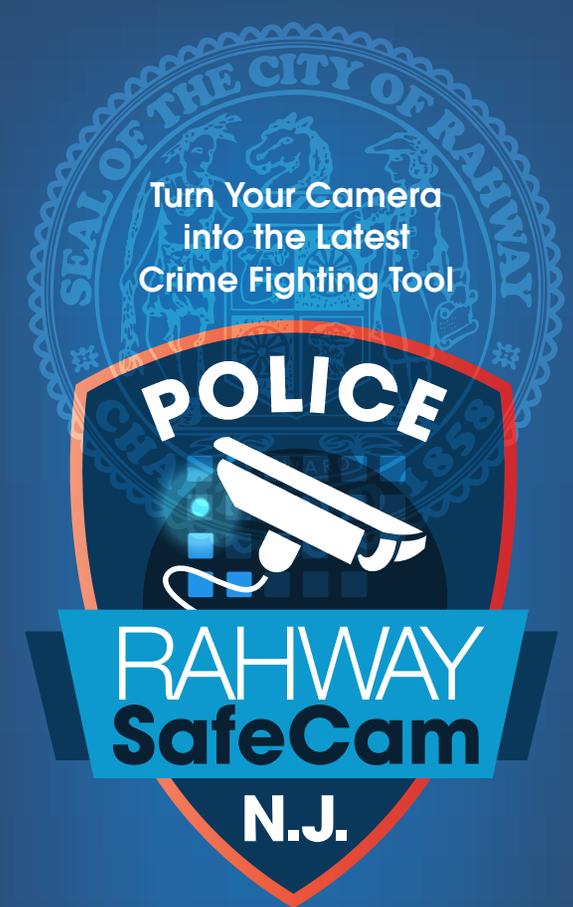
The information you provide will be used by police to help us identify security cameras around the City. If a crime takes place near your home or business, the police may contact you using the information you provided on your registration form. We will then make arrangements with you to transfer the video from your system to the police department. The video may assist detectives in their investigation, and it could become evidence in a criminal trial.

### What Are the Legal Ramifications?

No additional legal responsibility will be placed on you as a result of notifying us of your camera system. This is simply a voluntary notice to the police that you have a video security system. In the event of a crime, video from your camera system may be used as evidence or to assist detectives in gathering leads.



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If you have information about a crime that has occurred at or near your business or residence, or if you see any suspicious activity, please call the Rahway Police Department immediately.

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies, and 732-827-2200 for all other matters. Be sure to mention your camera system to the responding officer.

**Learn how to prevent and help police solve crime in your neighborhood.**

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