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Big Brother is watching you

We all have wished at one point or another for the ability to be in two places at once or to have eyes everywhere. With ever evolving technology it is now possible to have “eyes everywhere” and even to play back footage of past events. This is now possible through the use of Closed Circuit Television, popularly known simply as CCTV. This technology is not new as it has been in existence for a number of years. However, as time evolves, the technology is becoming more sophisticated meaning that the surveillance capabilities of CCTV cameras have grown in leaps and bounds.

Know more about CCTV cameras

- The word “closed” in Closed circuit television implies that access to images or content is restricted and is only available to set users for security monitoring purposes
- CCTVs of old used to be small and low resolution and used black and white monitors. However, the systems have evolved allowing colour and high resolution images, giving the user the ability to zoom in and out on images; the ability to talk to the person being observed; and the ability to monitor events remotely on one’s mobile phone or laptop.



What CCTVs can do to enhance your security

- CCTVs are useful for enhanced observations in perimeter security for high security areas, such as mines, restricted entrances, banks, airports or even residential premises- essentially where it is not always possible to have a guard present
- CCTVs are useful for building and grounds observation
- Useful for getting a recorded sequence of events in case a playback is required. This is particularly valuable when a crime has been committed so one can view the footage post the event

- CCTVs help prevent crime. If potential perpetrators are aware that there are cameras used to observe and record events, these can act as a deterrent
- Studies have shown that pilferage from employees can contribute significantly to shrinkage rates. Employees are unlikely to steal if they know that there are strategically placed cameras observing them
- CCTVs are useful for record checking in case an event needs to be verified.
- Records are maintained- whether in a minor or a major crime and the user can look something up using the time and date of the event



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