

Why Should We Redact CCTV?

CCTV redaction refers to the process of selectively obscuring or blurring certain parts of video footage captured by CCTV cameras. This technique is used for GDPR compliance purposes and to protect the right to privacy of third parties within the footage.

Redaction enables companies to meet their legislative obligations while still retaining the overall usefulness of the footage. Here are some benefits of CCTV redaction:

Risk Mitigation: Companies who are proactive in redacting footage can help to mitigate risk and reduce costs associated with legal or insurance proceedings. If there is any question around the cause of an incident or any dispute around responsibility, having redacted footage prepared at the earliest opportunity can help to definitively answer these questions, thus saving the data controller time and money in the process.

When footage is redacted in a proactive manner, companies can ensure that the data is not lost due to retention periods. Furthermore, redacted footage of an incident can legitimately be retained “for as long as is necessary” as set out under the EU GDPR.

Privacy Protection: CCTV redaction helps safeguard the privacy of individuals captured in the video footage. By blurring or obscuring faces, identifiable features, or sensitive information such as license plates, personal identification numbers, or financial details, redaction ensures that the privacy rights of individuals are respected.

Compliance with Regulations: Within the EU, the use of CCTV and the processing of data collected by camera networks is governed by the EU GDPR. CCTV redaction assists organizations in complying with the regulation by providing a method to anonymise sensitive information and facilitate the compliant use of the data in question.

Data Security: Redaction can help to minimise the use or value of data which falls into the wrong hands. By obscuring or blurring sensitive information in the footage, organisations can help to prevent unauthorised access and potential misuse of the data.

Assisting Data Subjects: Redaction of CCTV helps organisations to facilitate Data Subject Access Requests submitted by members of the public. Alongside meeting their

legal obligations, companies who proactively engage with data subjects and are transparent in their data processing activities have been shown to have reaped reputational benefits amongst their target market.

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