# Body Camera Policies

How have body camera policies affected the way people view police and how police do their jobs over time?

## **Basic information**

Understanding body camera rules is essential for individuals as well as law enforcement officers. These regulations specify when cameras are activated, how data is kept, who may see recordings, and what privacy safeguards are in place. Individuals who are aware with these regulations will be more prepared to understand their rights and guarantee accountability during contacts with police enforcement. Similarly, police officers with this understanding may maintain standards of transparency and professionalism, promoting confidence in their communities.



### **Important Information**

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#### Purpose of body cameras:

- Increase transparency
- Enhance accountability
- Collect evidence

#### **Privacy Considerations:**

- Protection of sensitive information
- Guidelines for recording in private residences
- Proper handling of footage involving bystanders

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#### Benefits of Body Camera Policies:

- Enhance trust between law enforcement and community
- Provide valuable evidence for investigations
- Improve officer performance and accountability



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#### Mandatory activation during: Data Retention:

- All law enforcement interactions
- Arrests and detentions
- Searches and seizures
- Duration of storage (e.x, 30 days, 1 year)
- Protocols for archiving and deleting footage
- Exceptions for ongoing investigations

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