

# What to do if You Find a Camera in a Private Place

- **Get yourself to a safe place:** If you find a hidden camera, if it is safe to do so, take a photo of the camera (to show local authorities) and remove yourself from the situation as quickly as possible. Your safety is the most important.
- **File a Police Report:** Cameras in private places (bedrooms, bathrooms, changing rooms, etc.) are likely an invasion of privacy and often illegal. To report contact your local police department to notify them of the situation.
- **Seek Support:** Experiencing an invasion of privacy can be a distressing and traumatic event. See the "Resources" section of this brochure for a list of organizations dedicated to helping you through this.
- **Next Steps:** Once in a safe location, you can notify others, folks who may need to know about the camera placement (such as housemates, school officials, authorities, friends or family).

## UCSB Police Department

Public Safety Building, 574  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106  
Open 24/7

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency:  
(805) 893 3446

Fax: (805) 893 8569  
[www.police.ucsb.edu](http://www.police.ucsb.edu)



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Police Department

# Protecting Against Hidden Cameras



## Resources

### **UCSB Police Department:**

(805) 893-3446  
[www.police.ucsb.edu](http://www.police.ucsb.edu)

### **Isla Vista Foot Patrol:**

(805) 681-4179  
[sbsheriff.org](http://sbsheriff.org)

### **UCSB TITLE IX:**

(805) 893-2701  
<https://titleix.ucsb.edu>

### **UCSB Information Technology:**

(805) 893-5000  
[www.it.ucsb.edu](http://www.it.ucsb.edu)

### **Confidential Resources:**

#### **UCSB CARE (Campus Advocacy Recourses and Education):**

(805) 893-4613  
[care.ucsb.edu](http://care.ucsb.edu)

#### **UCSB ASAP (Academic Staff Assistance Program):**

(805) 893-3318  
[hr.ucsb.edu/hr-units/employee-services/asap](http://hr.ucsb.edu/hr-units/employee-services/asap)

#### **UCSB CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services):**

(805) 893-4411  
<https://caps.sa.ucsb.edu>

#### **STESA (Standing Together to End Sexual Assault):**

(805) 564-3696  
[sbstesa.org](http://sbstesa.org)

## What to Look For

Hidden cameras are often small, and frequently disguised as everyday items. By design, they are easy to mistake. (See photo examples below).

Hidden cameras are often placed in spaces with the highest expectation of privacy, so a place to start checking would be bathrooms, bedrooms, and changing rooms.

**Unclaimed, unknown, or modified objects or electronics can house surveillance equipment.**



• Photo Courtesy of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

## How to Check For Hidden Cameras

- 1. Visually and Physically Inspect:** Searching a room can be an effective tool in spotting unwelcomed cameras. Do not ignore unclaimed, unknown, or modified electronics, especially ones connected to power sources.
- 2. Turn off the lights:** Some cameras have a power and/or recording light. These can be easier to spot in the dark.
- 3. Shine a light:** Many camera lenses will reflect the light directed at them. Use your phone flashlight to find these reflective lenses. This also may be easier in the dark.
- 4. Check the WIFI:** Ensure you are familiar with all devices connected to your home network.

