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What are the chances of the ICO pursuing a Domestic CCTV Operator?

The Information Commissioner's Office have said that so long as they take reasonable steps to ensure compliance, they are unlikely to see Domestic CCTV Operators as a "regulatory risk".

They are therefore unlikely to see enforcement action as a proportionate use of their resources.

However, whilst that may be the stance of the ICO, CCTV Operators must also consider the possibility of Civil Action being taken (i.e. being sued) by an individual who feels that your use of CCTV has somehow violated their rights under the Data Protection legislation.

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No - not anymore.

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Domestic CCTV Operators still need to comply with the Data Protection Legislation, however.

Commercial operators do still need to register with the ICO and pay a fee, however any business that processes personal data is required to do this regardless of whether they use CCTV.

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Does GDPR still apply after Brexit?

Yes - we just call it something different now.

When the UK left the European Union, they effectively copied & pasted the European legislation into a new UK law - it is now known as the "UK GDPR".

Some minor alterations were made in the process, but for the most part the legislation is very similar to the original EU version.

CCTV and Video Doorbell operators in the UK must ensure they operate their systems and have adequate processes in place to ensure compliance with UK law.

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Do Domestic CCTV operators in the UK need to comply with Data Protection Laws?

Yes - but compliance with the law might mean different things, depending on the circumstances.

If a Domestic CCTV system is capturing images beyond the boundary line of the property (as most do), the operator has many of the same legal responsibilities as a commercial operator.

If the images captured by a Domestic CCTV system are restricted only to areas within the boundary of a domestic property, the operator is likely to be exempt from those responsibilities.

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