



Body Worn Video Cameras

We've something new to tell you



Police Officers now wear Body Worn Video Cameras



This document is written by West Yorkshire Police



Body Worn Video Cameras are being introduced throughout West Yorkshire Police



All officers will wear them as part of their uniforms



This also includes Police Community Support Officers and also officers in plain clothes



The cameras will film pictures and record sound to help you and the police



We would like to explain why the cameras are a good idea

The camera is really good because it will help the public and it will help the police:



It will help the public because:

It will record what is happening so that people will believe you

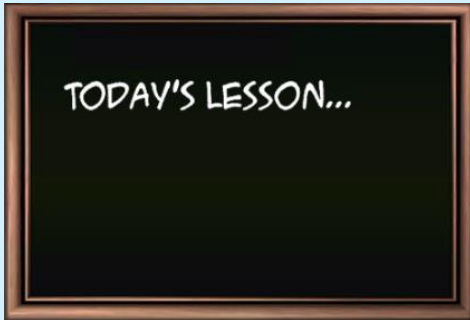


It will make it harder for people to tell lies



The cameras mean that people may not need to go to court because information about what happened will be on the video.

**The camera will help the police
because:**



**It will help police officers to
do their job better**



**It will help police officers so that
people will believe what they say**



**It will protect police officers if
someone decides to attack them
because the attack will be
recorded**



When we decide to use the camera, the officer will tell you



If you are Deaf or hard of hearing, the police officer will sign to show that they are recording



We can explain this from a mobile phone



The flashing red light means the camera is recording what is happening



The law says that the police officer is allowed to use this camera to record you



If you are a suspect or need to be arrested, you will not be able to say 'No' to being recorded



If you are a victim or witness and being recorded will upset you, you can say 'No'. However, in some cases, we may still need to record in order to collect the evidence we need to help you.



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We have thought about your security and your privacy when we use the Body Worn Video cameras



We are following what the law says about what we can do with the information on the video



The pictures and sound that we take will be held safely on police computers



We will only keep the recording for a certain period of time. This will depend on how serious the matter is.



Making our communities safe and feeling safer

The cameras will play an important part in helping people to be safer



Body Worn Video Cameras are a good thing for everyone:

The camera will help the police to do their job

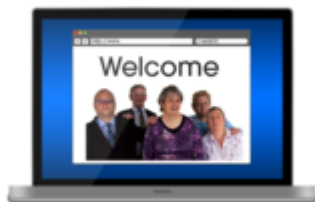


The camera will help people think twice before they do something wrong because they will know they are being recorded.



The camera will help people who are the victims of crime.

Further Information



You can find more information at <http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk>

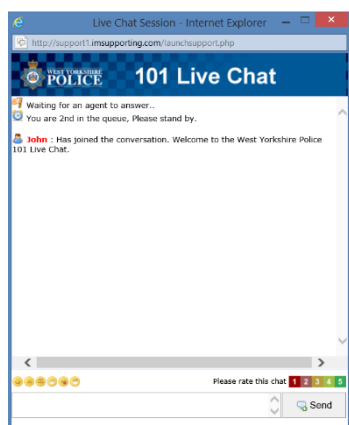


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