

## **CCTV – Assisting a Health and Safety Practitioner**

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### **Key Points**

Use of CCTV can:

- help thwart false compensation claims
- benefit lone workers, who may also be provided with panic alarms
- monitor contractors on site to ensure they are working safely
- provide alerts to employers where there are dangerous practices occurring , eg set up to notify when there are pedestrians or discarded pallets in a designated forklift truck area
- monitor unlawful trespass which could lead to accidents
- monitor unmanned assembly lines and alert staff to malfunctions

Use of CCTV is on the increase and now provides high resolution images, which could be invaluable in a legal context. Latest technology can also monitor vehicle speeds.

There is no problem with data protection laws, as long as employees are made aware that the CCTV is in place specifically for health and safety purposes. Copies of recordings can be stored “in the Cloud” for employers to access should their copies be seized by investigators.