

PRINTABLE VOLUNTEER REFERENCE

Recording & sharing on patrol: the short answer

Keep this on hand. It summarises the homepage FAQ and aligns with the full Recording & Sharing Policy at glasgowstreetwatch.org/media-policy.

THE SIX QUICK RULES

- **No livestreams. Ever.**
- **No posts to social media, group chats or messaging apps.**
- **No filming of vulnerable people, children, or anyone in a private space.**
- **No faces, plates or addresses in any clip we keep.**
- **Footage is evidence. It stays in the secure log.**
- **Report a colleague's breach to oversight@glasgowstreetwatch.org.**

01 Can a volunteer film on patrol at all?

Yes, but narrowly. Wide contextual scenes, environmental hazards, and body-worn footage during a live incident where it supports a safeguarding handover or a report to Police Scotland. Cameras are for evidence and accountability — never for entertainment.

02 What must volunteers never film?

Identifiable members of the public for any purpose other than a lawful referral; vulnerable people in crisis; children; the inside of homes, cars, taxis, businesses or places of worship; and officers' faces or badge numbers for publication.

03 Can footage ever be posted to social media or livestreamed?

No. No livestreaming. No posting to public social media or group chats. No 'naming and shaming', even with faces blurred. No sharing with journalists or content creators without written Oversight Board approval.

04 How long is footage kept?

Routine patrol footage is deleted after 7 days. Incident-tagged footage is held for 30 days or until handed to a partner agency. Safeguarding footage follows the partner agency's retention rules. Access is logged and audited by the Oversight Board.

05 What happens if a volunteer breaks these rules?

A single breach is grounds for immediate suspension. A serious breach — publishing footage, livestreaming, sharing an identifiable vulnerable person — leads to permanent removal and, where relevant, referral to Police Scotland and the Information Commissioner's Office.

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