

We are looking at the cost of putting security cameras in our shop. We have had things stolen and rumors of people leaving the building while still punched in on the weekends. Do any other members have cameras? Do you find it valuable? Also, if you are willing to share who you used and approximate cost that would be great.

Summary: 19 responses. Members are using their cameras for a variety of reasons besides security.

(Editor's note: I did not sort answers by state because some of these recommendations were not local to their geographic area. There are answers from members based in all three GLGA states below.)

We do have cameras on site. We are a large company and have many security cameras. We only watch them if needed. We use them not only security but for accident review too. It does help if you every need to provide this for any claims or backing the company up for negligence on the employee. I would suggest you put in cameras to cover all areas that are legal. Your employees will know where they can go and not be seen.

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We don't have any issues but are looking at outdoor and possibly indoor cameras for security. Many IT companies install them. Krueger Communications in the Milwaukee area has been a good vendor for us.

We are contemplating the same and find this topic very much of interest.

We don't have any cameras in our shop.

Contact Bob Angeli at Entertainment Concepts 262 893 4922.

We have 32 cameras right now and 16 more being installed.

We have access on our PC's, our smart phones, and have a large television screen on our scheduling area so we can not only monitor equipment but all entrances and exits including parking lots for employee safety.

We would be interested as well, from the worker comp angle, particularly unwitnessed on the job injuries.

We installed a camera system about 4 years ago as it was required by one of our customers for a large project. We were able to keep it simple by putting one camera on the inside of the building covering each outside door (7) all networked to a central recording device in our server room. We were able to do this for about \$3,500 (the bulk of which was the recording device and cabling) and has proven to be useful for several unrelated incidents as well. Cost can be kept down considerably if you don't put equipment outside and you don't need to do a significant amount of cabling. We used a local security contractor to do the install and worked with our IT provider to make them accessible via our network.

Currently we have installed cameras in our fulfillment division. We had an issue with an employee altering time sheets, and the camera provided us with the necessary evidence to address the problem. We are going to be installing cameras on the exterior of the building due to some vandalism occurrences. Here is the manufacturer of the camera I would recommend. The picture show is for an exterior camera, but they sell interior cameras also.

AXIS - network surveillance camera



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You can actually buy camera systems fairly inexpensively these days. You want one with enough channels (each channel is a camera) so that you can monitor every doorway. So depending on your plant, a 16 channel is probably a good number... Sometimes you can position a camera to catch more than one doorway in the view of the camera. Make sure you get indoor and outdoor cameras to catch the car they get in if you can't tell who the person is....

Depending on the size of your plant, wire (and the labor to run the wire) can be very expensive. So buying a wireless system is often much more cost effective. (Wire in our plant would have been tens of thousands of dollars in material and labor.) You may need to put internet range expanders in the plant to make sure you always have a solid connection.

Lastly, the ability to "rewind" to catch someone isn't the deterrent. Studies show that in retail stores, the actual existence of the camera in plain view is the biggest deterrent. So even if you put up dummy cameras, (in addition to the live ones) you will see crime decrease.

Yes I have had cameras for about 5 years on my 2nd system the colored cameras are great quality also I could watch from my I phone anywhere you get reception.

I deal with Jim Everest Northwest Alarm 845-245-6996 he is the owner I have dealt with him for over 10 years great person.

Have security cameras on outside of building. Don't have any security cameras on the inside. The newer WiFi cameras allow for easier install without the wiring. But the extra monitoring costs wasn't worth the expense, since we haven't had employee theft problems. Our application would have been for security use if someone entered after hours motion would turn on camera in addition to alarms.

Perhaps the less expensive home camera systems you can buy would be enough deterrent? They work off motion and wireless router to send a text when they turn on. You can then access via an app on your phone or laptop to see what the camera is showing inside your house. Can also record onto your pc.

We have 20 cameras inside and outside our building. We use them quite often and find that they are useful in verifying things like when drivers pickup deliveries, when shifts come and go and when equipment is running. We have monitors in our prepress department so they can view the entrance and buzz people in at night so they don't have to leave their station. We also have monitors in my office and the reception desk. We can monitor all docks and remotely open and close for deliveries.

Yes, we use cameras on a 50,000ft facility, inside and out. It works for accountability and for safety – I recommend it, esp given the low cost of good technology. I suggest Stanley Security Systems: <http://www.stanleysecuritysolutions.com/>

Have been in place and expanded since Jan. 2011 records 20 days of movement only , then overwrites. If NO movement = no recording every 6 seconds we record 6 seconds if movement occurs. Time date is recorded in each frame. Battery backup in place. Exterior dock with service door & 2 entry doors. Interior is 11,750 sq. ft. uses 12 cameras to get areas by corners. Good for incidents such as OJ hurt, fall, employee altercation, sharing of cleanup of work area. Quality of Service- EX. # of snow plowings for service verification, arrival & leave times for HVAC service on roof. Monitor alarm security personnel, they may enter building due to alarm going off to check around and we see just what they really do due to low /no light units in place. So far no such entry troubles with sign on all doors about cameras. . Some jobs are special we move camera to assembly area. Contact CSS Services Plainfield IL

We do not use security camera but try to utilize our management information system (MIS) to hold folks accountable. Hope this helps.

We have a security camera system and it's priceless! We started out with a smaller system but quickly added more cameras when we saw what a powerful tool the video footage was. Our security cameras have been used to investigate a myriad of issues such as:

- Employee theft & employee conflict
- Vendor theft (charging for work not performed)
- Truck drivers causing damage to our building and denying fault
- Employee accident investigation and workers compensation fraud

Our security cameras have saved us thousands of dollars and paid for itself several times over. With today's technology the camera system is very easy to operate and even allows remote viewing from your phone, tablet or computer. I would highly recommend any business install security cameras in their facility. You will never regret it!

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After running a quick check on the numbers I estimate that we have about \$6,000 into our cameras without the cost of a server or DVR. Given that we do most of the work ourselves, this number also does not include installation and setup costs, which I assume would be another 3-5k depending upon the number of cameras. We use a mix of six IP based Axis cameras and as a whole they are a great choice. As for finding them valuable, in our case, absolutely.

My air freight operation has had to have digital cameras for the last eight years, do to our TSA guidelines and regulations.

We handle many high value shipments, lots of TV's for Amazon, and have to keep an eye on all things at all times.

Cost depends on square footage. It is welcome by all employees as you always know who is coming and going, as well as if something gets loaded on the wrong truck, you can work your way back to see what happened and when.

Helps reduce insurance costs as well.

I would be happy to discuss with this member if they would like.

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I can recommend Pat Neville at ITR. Lots of options for cameras. You would be best to call and talk to Pat

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