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Big Brother Is Watching You In There



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Last October, the headmistress of a Bridlington college gave [an interview](#) to the local press in which she revealed that CCTV cameras were to be installed in and around the toilets because students were feeling *vulnerable*. This was done after consulting parents.

Alas, no one consulted the people of Lewisham when it was decided to install CCTV actually inside the toilets in the shopping centre. The [consensus appears](#) to be that this is a step too far. And it isn't only the people of Lewisham who are unhappy about spy cameras being placed in toilets.

Other interested parties include the pressure group [Big Brother Watch](#). In 2008, [it reported](#) that parents of pupils at a Portsmouth school had protested at its intense monitoring; another school, in Salford, fell foul of the law with police seizing footage after parents complained. Now it seems schools and colleges are again doing as they please.



Is installing CCTV cameras in toilets just going to far?

In February 2012, Big Brother Watch issued **a report** which details how councils are spending your money spying on you, your kids, and everyone else.

No one in his right mind would dispute the claim that CCTV has its uses. You can find plenty of footage on YouTube and other social media sites that has been used to solve crimes, even bring murderers to book, but there are limits. If the people who installed these cameras had them installed in their own toilets, they'd probably think again.