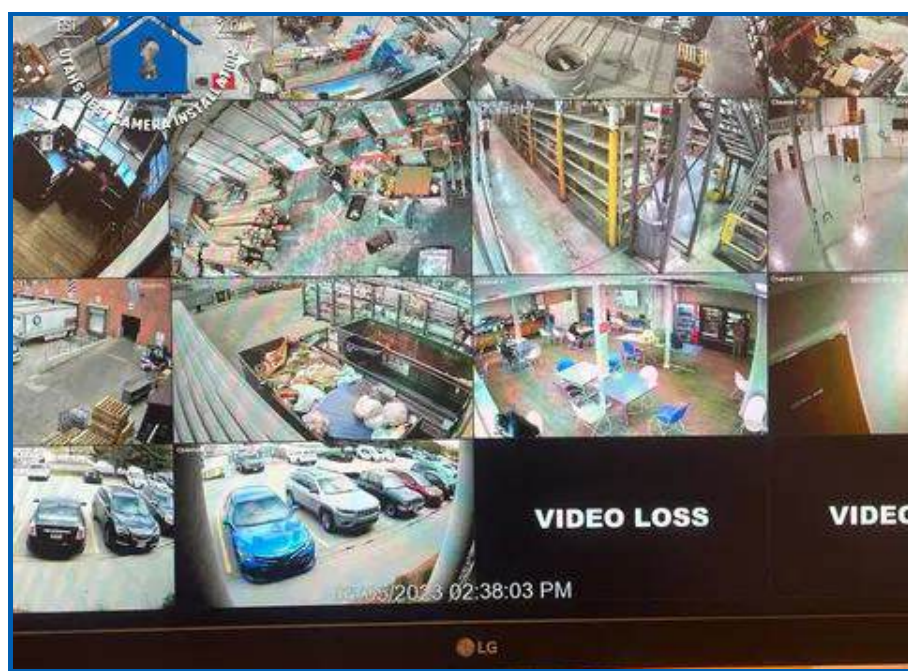


# Must-Know CCTV Terms for Airbnb Owners

## 1. CCTV (Closed-Circuit Television)

At its simplest, CCTV just means a system of video cameras set up to keep an eye on certain areas of your property. Unlike regular TV, the footage is sent to a closed network, so only people you've authorized can see it. It's a core component of any security setup and, when properly installed, can significantly enhance the safety of your Airbnb.



## 2. Field of View (FOV)

Field of view refers to how much area a camera can capture at once. A wide-angle lens offers a broader view, allowing you to monitor more ground with fewer devices. For outdoor cameras near your front entrance or parking area, a larger field of view ensures no activity goes unnoticed.



## 3. Motion Detection

This feature allows cameras to start recording only when motion is detected. It saves storage space and reduces the time you spend reviewing footage. Plus, many systems send alerts directly to your phone, letting you know when there's activity on the property.

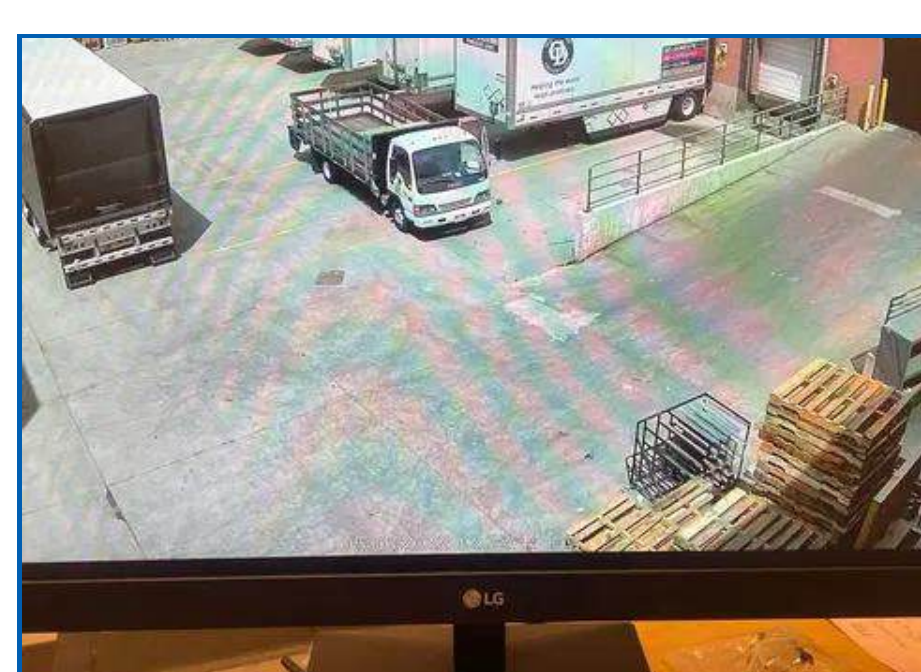


## 4. Two-Way Audio

Some surveillance cameras come equipped with microphones and speakers that allow real-time communication. You can use this feature to greet guests and guide them through self-check-in. It's especially helpful when you're not nearby. You don't have to play phone tag. You can just speak to them directly through the camera.

## 5. Recording vs. Live View

These two functions are often confused. Live view lets you watch footage in real time, while recording stores video for later review. Most modern systems let you do both, but it's important to know what your cameras can do.



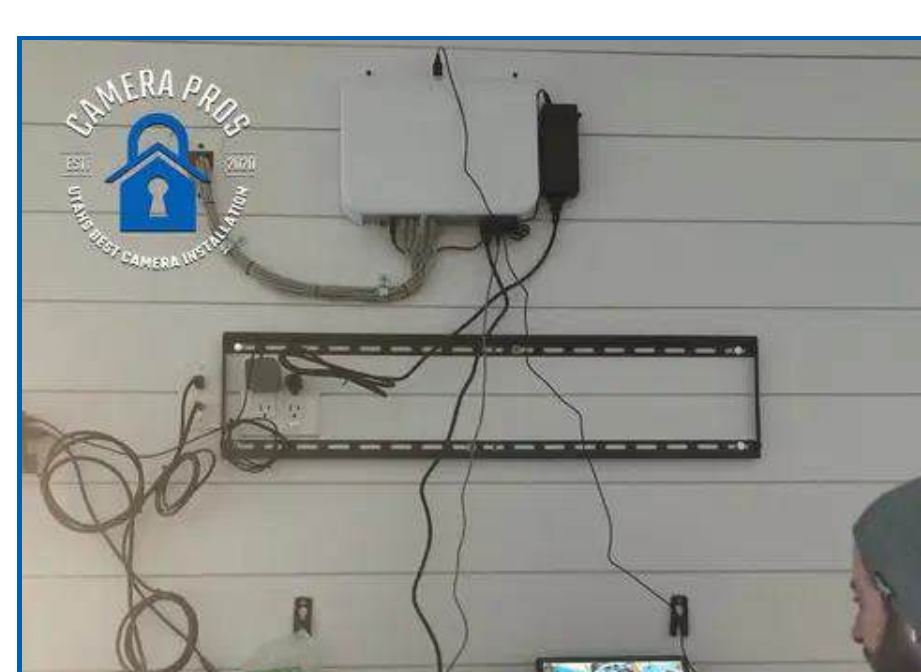
## 6. Resolution

Camera resolution determines how clear and detailed your video footage will be. Common resolutions include 720p, 1080p, and 4K. The higher the resolution, the more detail you'll be able to capture, which is important for identifying faces and other key details.



## 7. Privacy Zones

Some cameras let you block out parts of the view you don't want to record. These are called privacy zones. They're super helpful if your camera happens to catch areas it shouldn't, like a neighbor's yard or a guest's private hangout spot, like a hot tub.



## 8. Data Retention Period

This term refers to how long the system keeps your video footage before deleting it. Some systems automatically delete footage after a week, while others retain it for 30 days or more. Knowing your system's default settings can help you manage storage and ensure you have access to the footage when you need it.

## 9. Disclosure and Consent

Even though it's last on the list, this one might be the most important. Disclosure means letting guests know you have cameras on the property. Consent means they're okay with it. Airbnb is really clear about this: hosts must disclose any recording devices, whether they're on or off, inside or outside.

