

# Always Watching



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“... I photographed a home security camera because this type of technology plays, like, a big role in increasing awareness and safety because it can monitor, like, it can monitor our surroundings, store video footage, and help us feel more secure whether we're like home or away. ... we keep this, like, in our house. We have, like, a lot of them just in our house... it usually just monitors, like, the kids so that no one gets hurt or anything... And if, like, you know, if just in case we're outside in the back porch trying to do something or we're cooking, we can just check the phone to see if everything is okay over there. And, yeah, they're usually just to, like, make sure the house is safe while we're gone or to make sure the kids are safe... sometimes I notice it, and sometimes I don't. But, like, it's more noticeable at nighttime sometimes because it'll just be, like, pitch black. And I'm walking, and I just see this glowing blue light. I'm just like, oh. But, yeah, other than that, it becomes, like, a day-to-day thing. You don't really notice it unless [ ] we need something. And we're like, oh my gosh. Like, did I leave that on the couch and then we, like, check the camera and we see if it's there or not? That type of stuff... I feel like personally for me, it gives me a peace of mind because when there are people that are doing drugs, possibly, and, like, maybe someone collapsed from an overdose, there's cameras and, like, a lot of places do monitor cameras. So I feel like they could catch it quick enough, and they could call the cops, and they could, um, help that person get treated. So I feel like, I feel like cameras are definitely very helpful when it comes to drug use... I'm also aware of, like, how much technology is involved in our day-to-day life. So, like, it kinda blends in, and it's everything, it's okay. But sometimes, like, it does it remind me that I'm being watched sometimes, and it does feel a little strange. But at the same time, like, it makes me feel comfort like, comforted and secure knowing that, like, if anything does happen to me or like, like, I fall down the stairs, I hurt myself, or, like, I said, or oh no something happens to me. I have a camera there, like, that's gonna record it, and hopefully, like, you know, if there's an accident, I'm like, well, guys, it wasn't my fault. Or, like, if I do hurt myself, my mom usually does check the cameras off too, just to make sure everything's okay if she's gone. So she'll catch me if I can't help myself. So yeah. Sometimes it can feel a little uncomfortable because, like, oh my gosh. I'm being watched. But at the same time, like, when you need it, it's there.”