

video surveillance through

Bavarian public authorities

The Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection

publishes practical new guidance

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A number of Bavarian public bodies use video technology to protect infrastructure and in the area of administrative buildings and other public institutions contribute to safety

to be performed by citizens and employees. The Bavarian

In Art. 24 of the Bavarian Data Protection Act, the legislature has for such

The legal basis necessary for video surveillance was created.

The Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection primarily advises

State and municipal authorities in the Free State regularly apply

this regulation. In addition, citizens ask again and again

Review of specific video surveillance systems. Often such are

systems are also the subject of Bavaria-wide data protection regulations

spot checks. Not infrequently they have to be changed or even disabled

because the legal framework for their operation has not been complied with.

In order to facilitate the application of the legal requirements, the

Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection now has a comprehensive

che published guidance, which his many years of consulting

summarized and developed in practice. Two additional provided

Forms enable Bavarian public bodies to carry out structured

Testing and documentation of video surveillance.

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The Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection informed

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri: “The Bavarian legislature guarantees

long that video technology can be used where it is necessary. He

but at the same time ensures that there is no 'all-round surveillance'

comes. The legal possibilities and limits of video surveillance

ment shows my new guide based on numerous practical

play up. I hope that I can convey this to all Bavarian public authorities

can provide the necessary security to act on this sensitive topic.”

The guide “Video surveillance by Bavarian public

Bodies – Explanations on Article 24 of the Bavarian Data Protection Act”.

with the two forms for structured testing and documentation

since today on the homepage of the Bavarian State Commissioner for the

Data protection (<https://www.datenschutz-bayern.de>) in the section "Data

protection reform 2018” for free download.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri

The Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection controls the Bavarian

public bodies compliance with data protection regulations. He is from Bavaria

elected by the state parliament, independent and not bound by instructions from anyone.