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Federal Government in 1969 and the first video cameras were installed in the New
York City Municipal Building near City Hall.

Surveillance Systems for Public Security
Use of surveillance systems soon became the norm in cities of political and
strategic importance with the earlier analog video cameras being installed in
public places. To name a few, Statue of Liberty and Lincoln Bridge were
immediately covered by cameras for surveillance. Many crimes were either
prevented or detected like never before. Still, the use of surveillance in
America lags behind UK. The London Metro is the critical place where they have
an extensive installation, which proved effective in the recent bombings.

State and private detectives use surveillance systems for their day to day work.
The equipments they make use of are quite interesting as they are little marvels
of technology. Body wearable spy cameras score on top of all of them. They come

in different sizes and shapes making it easier to wear and conceal. They are mostly button shaped and most of them transmit their captures I instantaneously while some can store data for later retrieval.

Digital spy cameras which can be concealed anywhere inside a building sells for around $60, have 300' wide angle and focal length of 6'. The smallest one measures 2CM x 2CM.

Phone bugs can't be ignored at all. They have countless disguises like series transmitters, induction taps. They can be placed with the receiver of your phone, within the telephone box or even the near power socket. Don't under estimate their capacities; they operate at 78 - 88MHz but professionals use range of 150-475 MHz to avoid detection. Price varies between $14.5 and $145.

'Ear Spy' helps hear across rooms through powerful devices connected to ear phones via long cords. Remote transmitter models have capabilities of 40-50GHz and various amplifications. Price ranges from $6 -$24.5

Home security is not quite different from public security system on certain counts. Some other popular equipments are GPS and GPS enabled cell phones are handy in tracing criminals and hostages.