

-You generally **do not have a right to privacy** in public and can be videotaped at any time (not necessarily in bathrooms, personal information, (kids in parks is a whole other topic...)).

-Mentally prepare for being videotaped at virtually any point when you walk into or near a public building. Many people look very surprised and rightly so. If you **train to expect it**, you can more quickly answer questions from the videographers.

-How far do you **dialogue** with an auditor? Do you want to be the ultimate friend, just give enough information to be helpful? That's completely up to you.

-Maintain the normal level of **professionalism**, act calm, answer the questions, **don't overreact** to prodding questions, there is no expectation of privacy in the lobby of the city hall/utility building (unless they make their way to a controlled area which is obviously forbidden-but is it? Does **signage** make it clear where someone can go in your buildings?).

-Videographers can videotape anywhere in a public place as long as its permitted. If they are interrupting the normal business between a customer and the customer service folks, the police can escort them out. Maintain awareness of the videographer relative to a customer so as to maintain the privacy of the customer as well.

-Once a notice of **trespass** has been given to them, they mostly go away. If they violate the trespass notice they can be arrested for the same.

-Videographers will raise cameras to heights available by **extendable "selfie" sticks**. They sometimes take videos in windows situated above doors. In some instances, windows near the ceiling are accessed with extension sticks and practically anything in the public space can be recorded by videographers. They will also videotape the contents of city vehicles, **especially police vehicles**.

-**Computer monitors** for both inside and outside...are they visible by people that should be able to view them? **Laptops in police cars**...have a policy of the protection of information. This is true too for printed information that may be laying around both in the office and in police vehicles. There's a pretty good chance someone's criminal history is printed out and just laying in the seat or in the visor of a police vehicle. Protect that information!

-Auditors will try to get under the skin of anybody that is involved. Having all city and utility folks watch the videos from the auditors is a good way to prepare for them.

-Be prepared for an individual that is "open carrying." Also, make sure the city's signage says "No Weapons" instead of "No Concealed Weapons."

-Under no circumstances should you turn your back on a videographer. While there's little proof that these folks are any more dangerous than anyone else, a potential exists where giving them the benefit of the doubt could potentially injure an employee. Maintain appropriate personal space at all times and react accordingly.

-If out in the public and a videographer starts the process of recording, you can ask the videographer to record from a certain spot (especially if they are changing the complexity of the situation you are trying to deal with first). This is especially true for law enforcement whether it's a vehicle stop or a crime scene. Make sure to designate the spot instead of saying, "go across the street".

-Develop a sunshine request form (some will merely ask for one and never turn it in, as a semi-test. Here's a form anyway...

<https://ago.mo.gov/missouri-law/sunshine-law/sample-language-forms/records-request-form>

-Don't leave your business cards in the lobby to videotape and film for dispersal (unless you want hundreds of inappropriate emails.

-Sunshine Law FAQs... <https://ago.mo.gov/missouri-law/sunshine-law/sunshine-law-faqs>
Potentially applicable state laws:

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=576.030>

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=565.090>