



Concealed Camera Device (CCD) Policy

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Policy Summary

This policy establishes GVIAS's requirements regarding the use of Concealed Camera Devices (CCDs) at GVIAS events. The policy is intended to protect participant privacy, uphold the principles of informed consent, and provide clear expectations for participants, Rangers, and Production regarding devices capable of covert image or video recording.

Context

GVIAS is committed to creating events where participants can express themselves freely in an environment built on trust, consent, and mutual respect. As part of this commitment, GVIAS has long required consent for photography and videography at its events.

Advances in wearable technology have introduced recording devices that are integrated into everyday objects and may not be readily identifiable by others. Unlike traditional cameras or mobile phones, these devices may capture images or video without participants realizing recording is taking place.

To preserve participant privacy and maintain confidence in our consent-based culture, GVIAS prohibits the use of Concealed Camera Devices at all GVIAS events except where expressly permitted under this policy.

Objective

The objective of this policy is to establish clear requirements regarding the use of Concealed Camera Devices at GVIAS events in order to protect participant privacy, uphold the principles of consent, and maintain a safe and trusted community environment.

Specifically, this policy aims to:

Protect participants from covert photography or videography.
Support GVIAS's consent-based culture.
Establish a consistent process for reporting and responding to suspected concealed recording devices.
Define limited exceptions where Concealed Camera Devices are required for legitimate accessibility or medical purposes.
Promote transparency regarding the presence of recording devices at GVIAS events.

Scope

Terms and Definitions

Consult the GVIAS Policy Terms and Definitions document for existing definitions of terms and copy them here. Please add any new terms and definitions to the GVIAS Policy Terms and Definitions document.

Term	Definition
Concealed Camera Device (CCD)	Any image or video recording device that has been integrated into, hidden within, or disguised as another object so that its presence, purpose, or recording capability is not readily apparent to others.
Production	Individuals authorized by GVIAS to manage the operation of an event and enforce GVIAS policies and procedures.
Ranger	A volunteer responsible for participant support, conflict resolution, safety, and policy enforcement during GVIAS events.

Policy

The following requirements apply at all GVIAS events unless otherwise authorized by Production.

1. Prohibition of Concealed Camera Devices

Concealed Camera Devices are prohibited at all GVIAS events.

2. Examples of Concealed Camera Devices

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Smart glasses (including Meta glasses)
- Smart watches with integrated cameras
- Smart wristbands with camera capabilities

- Smart pendants or other wearable jewellery containing cameras
- Spy pens
- Any other device designed to conceal recording technology

The absence of a device from this list does not exclude it from this policy if it meets the definition of a Concealed Camera Device.

3. Reporting Concerns

Participants who believe a Concealed Camera Device may be in use should notify a Ranger or member of Production as soon as practicable.

Participants should not approach the individual directly or make accusations.

4. Inspection

Production may request a reasonable inspection of any suspected Concealed Camera Device to verify compliance with this policy.

Refusal to permit a reasonable inspection may result in removal from the event.

5. Exceptions

Production may permit the use of a Concealed Camera Device where it is required for another legitimate purpose, such as prescription smart glasses that are the participant's only corrective eyewear.

Where an exception applies:

- The camera lens must remain clearly covered with opaque fluorescent tape whenever the participant is outside their private camping area; or
- The recording capability must otherwise be rendered inoperable to the satisfaction of Production.
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- Participants are responsible for ensuring the required covering remains in place throughout the event.

6. Non-Compliance

If a participant is found using a Concealed Camera Device in contravention of this policy, Production may require the participant to:

- Immediately disable or cover the recording capability;
- Arrange for the device to be removed from the event by a third party; or
- Leave the event with the device.

7. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy or with directions provided by Rangers or Production may result in removal from the event without refund and may result in additional actions under applicable GVIAS policies.

Responsibilities

- **Production:** Enforce this policy and approve any permitted exceptions.
- **Rangers:** Respond to reports of suspected Concealed Camera Devices and notify Production.
- **Communications Team:** Distribute this policy to event attendees.
- **Participants:** Comply with this policy and report suspected violations to Rangers or Production.

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Revision History

In keeping with our general policy requiring consent for all photography, effective immediately, concealed camera devices are ****not permitted**** at What If.

A Concealed Camera Device (CCD) is defined as follows:

Any video recording device which has been integrated, hidden or disguised as another object so that its presence, true purpose and recording capabilities are obscured from casual observation. This can include but is not limited to;

- Smart glasses/Meta glasses
- Smart watches with camera capabilities
- Smart wrist bands
- Smart pendants/jewelry items
- 'spy' pens

If a participant has concerns about a possible CCD-type item being used at the event they should alert the Rangers or Production staff, but refrain from approaching the person directly or making any accusations. What If Production reserves the right to examine any suspected CCD device for the presence of any recording technology. Refusal to allow reasonable inspection of the item in question will result in immediate removal from the event.

If your CCD is required for other purposes (eg. it is your only pair of prescription glasses), the camera must be visibly covered by fluorescent, opaque tape at all times. If, after one warning, a CCD is found without such covering outside of the device owner's tent during the event, the device owner may either arrange for the item to be picked up at the gate by a third party of their choosing, or they will be asked to leave with the device.

This rule is being put in place to ensure that all those who attend What If can continue to enjoy themselves with the expectation that their safety, comfort and consent are prioritized. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter as we work to create new policies that reflect the new realities we face as a community.