

# Watching the objective

Keep an effective eye-spy on – and in – your home with these internet security cameras.



### D-LINK DCS-920

\$190. [www.dlink.com.au](http://www.dlink.com.au)

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D-Link's basic home-surveillance camera doesn't do motion detection, nor can it see in the dark. However, it is available at shops for just over \$150. It can connect to your home broadband modem wirelessly and email you snapshots at intervals of your choice (so you can be assured your house hasn't been broken into while you're away on holiday). You can log in via a web browser and view a live video feed. You don't need to leave a PC switched on at home – though if you do, you can use D-Link's free software to record the video.



### LINKSYS WVC54GCA

\$250. [www.linksys.com.au](http://www.linksys.com.au)

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The Linksys camera, available in shops for \$172 upwards, is easy to set up, and offers a good feature set including a crisp picture and a terrific motion-detection mode that can email you a five-second video when the camera detects movement. It can also upload regular still snapshots to a website as an ongoing archive. There's a versatile stand/mount – it can either stand up on a table by itself or be screwed to a wall, ceiling or doorjamb. It's not a night-vision camera, though, so you do need to leave a light on for it to be able to see in the dark.



### SWANN IPCAM 1000

\$399. [www.swann.com.au](http://www.swann.com.au)

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This camera is pricier, at \$362 upwards in shops, but it has infra-red night vision that allows it to show a clear picture even when lights are off. It can sense motion and email you snapshots of what's going on as soon as it detects something happening, upload snaps or videos to your website, and even record to a USB memory stick plugged into its USB port. Like the other cameras in this round-up, it needs only a power plug, as it connects with wi-fi to your home network.

## Watch out for...

Phoning home – with pictures

Mobile phones are ideal for keeping an eye on your home-security cameras. Under the microscope, two apps: one for Blackberry, called Mobiscope (\$26); and one for iPhone, called IP Vision (\$10). Both required some networking knowledge to configure, but with correct settings were easy to use, allowing the watching of several home-security cameras in seconds. Windows Mobile phone users can use IVI View Commander (from \$33), while other phones work with Mobile Cam Viewer (from \$7). Make sure to have an appropriate data plan in place, though – otherwise you could clock up substantial bills.

