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Thread: [How legal is it to access a webcam without authentication with shodan?](#)

SIM-5186353 - October 14, 2025, 2:00 pm

How illegal would it be?

And what implications would it entail?

DramaKing - October 14, 2025, 2:06 pm

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Something like this? <http://109.233.191.130:8080/> Totally legal. It's a public webcam. The webcam on someone's computer in their house? I don't think that it would fall under Title 18 U.S. Code 1030. There is a federal law against recording someone without their knowledge. And then hacking into a computer system is another felony.