

What is Safety Intelligence in corrections?

Safety Intelligence is the practice of turning a facility's existing cameras into an active safety layer, one that detects risk as it develops, routes it to staff for response, and produces a defensible, timestamped record. It is the opposite of passive surveillance, which only records what already happened.

Not surveillance, an operating layer

Surveillance watches and stores. Safety Intelligence acts: it works continuously across every feed to catch the behaviors that precede a crisis, and it turns each one into an alert a person can act on and a record the facility can stand behind. The cameras do not change; what the facility can see and prove does.

Detect, Route, Prevent, Prove

Detect the behaviors that precede a crisis, continuously, across every feed. **Route** a clear alert to the right officer with location and context. **Prevent** more incidents by closing the gap between when something starts and when someone acts. **Prove** what happened with a timestamped, reviewable record. Each step compounds the next.

Is it Safety Intelligence, or just cameras?

The test is simple. Does the system see risk in the moment, or only after? Does a trained person act on what it surfaces? And can the facility reconstruct what happened from the record? If the answer to any of those is no, it is surveillance, not Safety Intelligence.

By design

Safety Intelligence runs on the cameras a facility already owns, keeps a person in the loop on every alert, uses no facial recognition, ingests no criminal-justice information, and never monitors PREA-protected areas. It is decision support for trained staff, not autonomous surveillance.

Virtual Patrol Technologies provides Safety Intelligence for corrections. See how the method works, or request a Safety Intelligence Audit.