

A SAMPLE TEMPLATE for a conversation with your neighbor, friend, or community about surveillance and (Ring) doorbell cameras.

Adapt this to the people and circumstances as needed.

Dear neighbor,

I noticed you have a Ring camera on the outside of your house.

I wanted to bring to your attention the fact that Amazon Ring shares camera footage with law enforcement. In addition, they are also exploring the ability to tap into the livestreams of these devices.

They are working with Axon, a weapons and surveillance company that produces surveillance drones, license plate readers, and tasers, to share the footage.

This means that they capture neighbors without consent, and set up a pipeline for law enforcement to have direct access to breaching our neighborhood's privacy. This of course includes the privacy of our children, friends, and loved ones.

Surveillance, especially when our footage is uploaded to the cloud of Big Tech companies, often ends up being taken and appropriated, without our consent. This type of footage has been used to train AI algorithms for facial recognition, location tracking, and has even been used for the abduction of our beloved friends, family, and neighbors.

In an effort to make our neighborhood more about our mutual care and less about external surveillance, would you be willing to explore other camera options?

Let's talk through this together to try to keep each other safe.

Your neighbor.