



Keeping Tabs on Home

High-end residential surveillance system provides peace of mind

UK sports personality Gabby Logan uses American Dynamics IP video surveillance system to safeguard her London home.

CASE SUMMARY

Location: London, UK

System Installed: American Dynamics VideoEdge NVR VideoEdge Go Illustra 600 Outdoor Mini-Dome

Access Control, Video, Location-Based Tracking and Intrusion. UNIFIED.

As one of the U.K.'s premier broadcasters, Gabby Logan's job takes her around the world.

The former gymnast turned sports presenter began her broadcast career in 1992 as a radio personality, and then quickly expanded into television with Sky Sports, ITV and BBC. Gabby has covered the London Olympics for BBC and England's football team in the 2010 FIFA World Cup and Euro 2012. Gabby also served a short stint in Brazil covering England's football team in the 2014 FIFA World Cup, making a quick return to the UK to present from the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

In addition to her life on the road as a broadcaster, Gabby also juggles her "other" roles as wife and mother, a regular columnist for The Times, the creator of a successful workout DVD called "Twin Results Workout", and a dedicated patron to several charities, including the Disabilities Trust, Prince's Trust and Great Ormond Street.

As a busy professional, Gabby and her husband Kenny, an ex Scotland International Rugby star, realized that they needed to implement some type of system that allowed her to keep an eye on things at home while she took care of business on road. Whether gone for the day, or away on a trip thousands of miles from England, a home security system that incorporated video surveillance was the solution Gabby needed to stay connected to her family when Kenny was back at home in charge of the family and property.

Working with Vindex Systems in West Sussex, a specialist integrator of CCTV, access control and automatic number plate recognition solutions that works with both public and private sector clients, the Logans selected a system from Tyco Security Products' American Dynamics range that incorporated the VideoEdge Network Video Recorder (NVR) and Illustra 600 outdoor mini-dome cameras.

Using a monitor at home, Gabby and Kenny can actively watch the video from the cameras on the grounds, or view recorded video with the VideoEdge NVR. The system even allows the Logans to save snapshots of specific video images.

But the real selling point of the system was the ability, through an iPhone application, to watch live and recorded video from her home surveillance system from anywhere she may be. Now Gabby has the ability while on the road to check on her home, her family and any situations that may occur through the VideoEdge Go app.

VideoEdge Go is a full-featured video surveillance viewer that delivers added value to the system and enhances the day-to-day experience by facilitating remote monitoring and forensic investigating from anywhere.

The free, downloadable app works with Logan's iPhone or other Apple iOS device. And because the video is streamed via a wifi, 3G or 4G connection in H.264 rather than MJPEG, it takes up less space on whatever device she is using.

While England was competing in the World Cup in June, Gabby was onsite with the team, but also in touch with home through her surveillance system and the VideoEdge Go app.

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