

Smart Glasses: Know Before You Record

Important information for purchasers of AI-enabled camera and microphone eyewear (e.g. Ray-Ban Meta, Oakley Meta)

What these glasses can do

Your glasses contain a camera and microphones. They can take photos, record video and audio, live-stream, and respond to voice commands. Content you capture — and data about how you use the device — may be uploaded to the manufacturer's platform and handled under its privacy policy. **Review the privacy settings in the companion app after setup.**

Recording conversations — the strictest rules

Audio recording is governed by state and territory law, and the rules differ. In **NSW, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the ACT**, it is generally a criminal offence to record a private conversation without the consent of everyone in it — even if you are taking part. In **Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory**, you may generally record a conversation you are part of, but sharing or publishing that recording is separately restricted. Penalties can include substantial fines and imprisonment.

The safe rule everywhere in Australia: tell people, and ask before you record. If anyone objects — don't.

Photos and video

Filming in public places is generally lawful. It is a criminal offence to record people in private settings or activities — bathrooms, change rooms, homes, medical and clinical settings — and sharing intimate images of a person without their consent is an offence throughout Australia.

The recording light is not consent

Your glasses show a small light when capturing. Do not rely on it: people often don't notice it, and it may not count as notice or consent under the law. Consent means telling people and them agreeing — not a light.

You can be sued personally

Since June 2025, Australians have a legal right to sue for serious invasions of privacy. If you deliberately or recklessly record someone where they would reasonably expect privacy, they may bring a civil claim against you for damages — separate from any criminal penalty.

Quick guide

Do	Don't
• Tell people before you record; ask first in any private setting • Check and adjust privacy settings in the companion app • Stop recording if anyone asks you to • Think before you share — publishing can be an offence even where recording wasn't	• Record private conversations without everyone's consent • Record in bathrooms, change rooms, clinics, schools or homes without permission • Use camera, display or messaging features while driving • Assume the capture light means people have agreed

Your optometry practice supplies this product but cannot advise you whether a particular use is lawful. Responsibility for lawful use rests with you as the wearer.