

FTC settles complaint over hacked security cameras

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The government is settling with the marketer of Internet-connected home security cameras after feeds from consumers' homes—video from baby monitors and home security systems—were posted online for public view.

The Federal Trade Commission says lax security practices led to the breach by California-based TRENDnet.

The commission says the [private lives](#) of hundreds of consumers—video of babies sleeping in cribs, young children playing, and adults going about their daily routines—went public in January 2012. The FTC says a hacker exploited a [security flaw](#) in the company's software and posted links of video feeds to nearly 700 cameras.

The settlement prohibits TRENDnet from misrepresenting the security of its cameras and requires the company to design a better security program.

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