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ARS 13-3019

It is against the law for anyone to photograph, film or videotape, or in any way secretly view another person without the consent of the person concerned while the person is in a place where he or she has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

ARS 13-3732

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly make a video recording of law enforcement activity if the person making the video recording is within eight feet of where the person knows or reasonably should know that law enforcement activity is occurring.

ARS 13-3005

In Arizona, it is legal to record in-person and telephone conversations if at least one party involved in the conversation consents to the recording.

The scenario is not illegal.

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You are at a restaurant with friends, and you inform them that you will be recording the conversation all of you are having.

You are at the mall, people are laughing and shopping, having a good time and you decide to record them.

You are recording your friend singing in the locker room at school and students are changing into their gym clothes.

You are recording yourself do your makeup in the restroom at your school. There are others in the bathroom that you don’t know.

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You are arguing with someone,
and they start recording you.

You are at a school meeting
with your parents, school
counselor, principal, and your
teachers. The discussion will be
about your graduation and
your parents secretly record
the meeting.

You are having dinner at your
neighbor’s house and decide
to record their living room
artwork.

You are standing in the
doorway of your neighbor’s
house waiting for them to give
you something and decide to
record their dog without their
knowledge.

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You hear some students talking badly about one of your friends. They do not notice you sitting there so you secretly record them.

You see an arrest taking place and decide to move within 6 feet of the officer to record it.