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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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### 2019 Wisconsin Act 72 [2019 Senate Bill 247]

### Use of Surveillance Devices in Connection With the Sale of Real Estate

Subject to certain exceptions, 2019 Wisconsin Act 72 specifies that an owner of real estate may use a surveillance device in or on the real estate to observe or record an individual who is present in or on the real estate for a private showing, open house, or other viewing of the real estate in connection with the owner's attempt to sell the real estate. Under the act, a surveillance device may not be used in a bathroom or washroom.

Additionally, except as required by a court or law enforcement officer, an owner of real estate may not copy, sell, rent, broadcast, post, publish, distribute, disclose, transfer, or otherwise share a representation of an individual recorded with a surveillance device. Violation of the prohibition on disclosure may result in the forfeiture of up to \$500.

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