Apple’s HomeView could add security camera features

Reddit user pdfu found hints hidden in the HomeView 27.2 code that Apple could be adding security camera features to its smart home hub. The strings describe a security camera mode with motion detection, live streaming, and recording options, as well as privacy functions. According to pdfu, there is a setup page that even explicitly reads: “Your HomeView can be used as a security camera with HomeKit Secure Video.”

Supposedly, the video feeds will only be visible to members of the home, and will both show an indicator light and play a sound when either someone is watching the camera feed or when it starts to record. Home members will also get a notification anytime settings are changed for the Secure Video mode. It will also include customizable options for what to detect, stream, or record, based on whether you’re home, away, or asleep.

Some wondered why Apple did not allow HomeView to double as a security camera at launch, and the company hasn’t said anything to suggest the features are coming. But, considering how central privacy is to Apple’s marketing, the company may be waiting to fine-tune those features before launch.

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