



**4K ULTRA HD**

# Smart Security System **Professional NVR Series**

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# Important Information

## FCC Verification

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

These devices comply with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- These devices may not cause harmful interference
- These devices must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation

**Important Notice:** All jurisdictions have specific laws and regulations relating to the use of cameras. Before using any camera for any purpose, it is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and regulations that prohibit or limit the use of cameras and to comply with the applicable laws and regulations.

## FCC Regulation (for USA): Prohibition against eavesdropping

Except for the operations of law enforcement officers conducted under lawful authority, no person shall use, either directly or indirectly, a device operated pursuant to the provisions of this Part for the purpose of overhearing or recording the private conversations of others unless such use is authorized by all of the parties engaging in the conversation.

**Warning:** Changes or modifications made to this device not approved expressly by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## Important Safety Instructions

- Do not operate if wires and terminals are exposed
- Do not cover vents on the side of your device and allow adequate space for ventilation
- Only use the power adapter supplied with your NVR

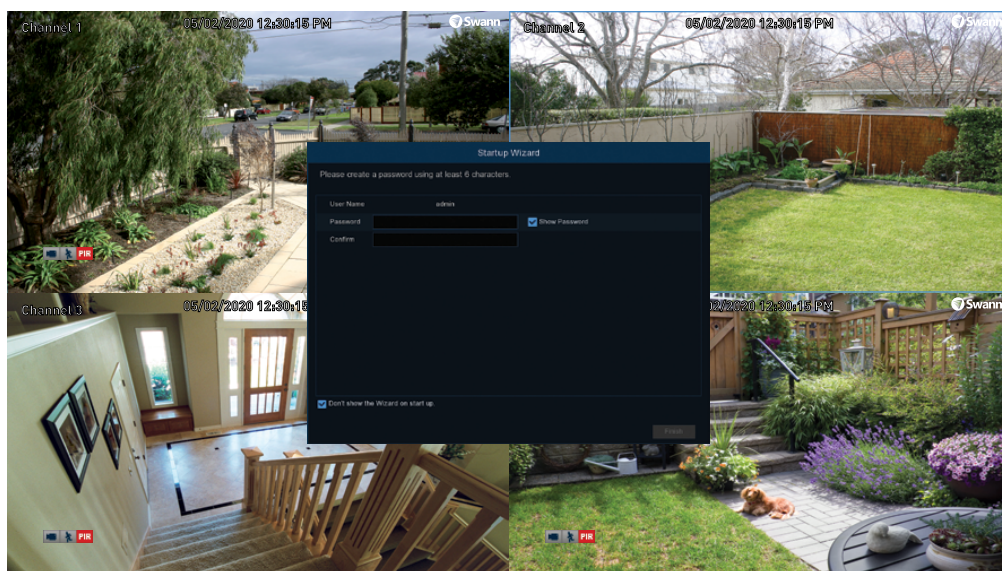
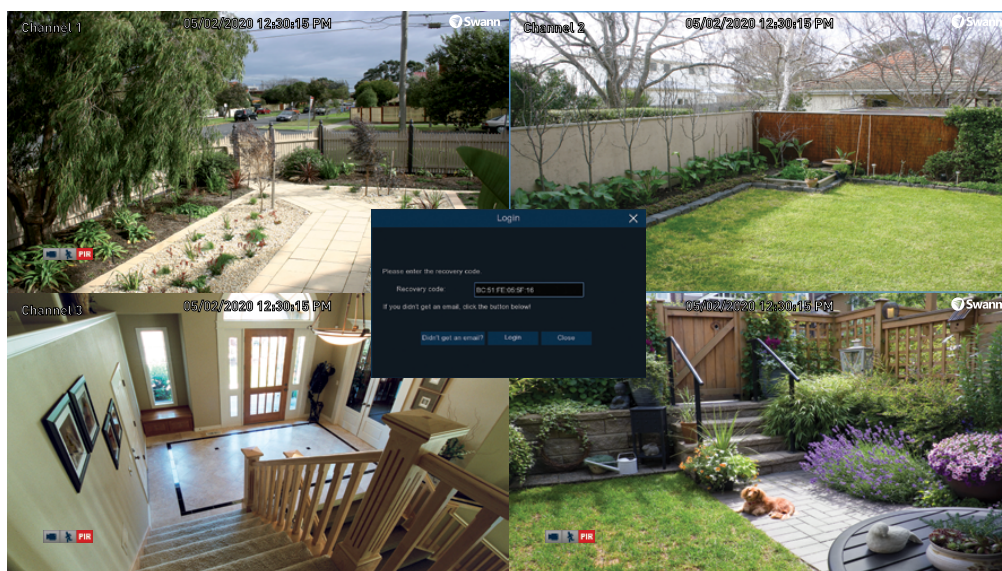
## About this Instruction Manual

This instruction manual is written for Google Assistant NVR models with the System V8 operating system and was accurate at the time it was completed. However, because of our on-going efforts to constantly improve our products, additional features and functions may have been added since that time.

## Important Password Information

This NVR does not have a default password. A password is created during the Startup Wizard. If password protection has been enabled and you have forgotten your password, your NVR's MAC address can be used to create a new password (see page 3 - [Password Recovery](#)).

# Password Recovery



## Forgotten your password? Please do the following:

1. Right-click the mouse on the Live View screen to display the Menu Bar, click the “Start” button (bottom left on the Menu Bar) then click “Setup”.
2. At the password login screen click “Forgot Password” then click “Yes”.
3. After a short moment, you will receive a password reset request email containing your NVR’s MAC address (if it’s not in your inbox, check your junk or spam folder).
4. Input the MAC address (known as the password recovery code) including the colons (see left example) then click “Login”.
5. A message will appear on-screen stating that your password has been reset. Click “OK” to continue.
6. Enter a new password. The password has to be a minimum of six characters and can contain a mixture of numbers and letters. Use a password that you are familiar with, but is not easily known to others.
7. Write down your password in the space provided below for safe keeping.
8. When finished click “Finish”. A message will appear on-screen. Click “OK” to finish.

**Don't forget to write down your password:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I haven't created an email for my NVR, what can I do?** Don't worry, you can use HomeSafe View to retrieve your recovery code, so you can reset your NVR's password (see page 125 - [Password Recovery using HomeSafe View](#)).

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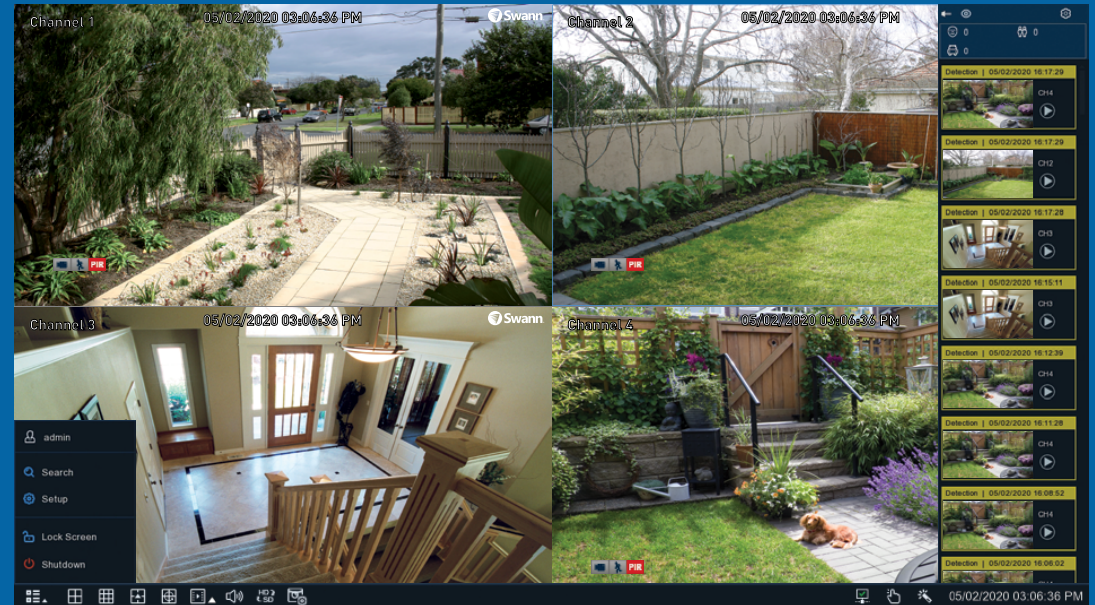
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# Live View

Live View is the default display mode for your NVR. Each camera connected will be displayed on-screen. You can check the status or operation of your NVR and cameras using the icons and Menu Bar on the Live View screen. Right-click the mouse to access the Menu Bar.



# Live View Mode

Live View mode is the default display for your NVR. Each camera connected will be displayed (multiple view modes available). You can check the operation of your NVR by using the status icons on the Live View screen. The date and time as well as the name for each camera is also displayed.

The screenshot shows the NVR Live View interface with four camera channels and an analytics panel on the right. Red lines and numbers point to the following elements:

- Camera Name:** Points to the text 'Channel 1' above the first camera feed.
- Status Icons:** Points to the 'PIR' icon in the bottom left corner of the first camera feed.
- Camera Toolbar:** Points to the toolbar at the top of the second camera feed.
- Main Menu:** Points to the 'admin' menu overlay on the third camera feed.
- Menu Bar:** Points to the bottom navigation bar with icons numbered 1 through 9.
- Analytics Notification Panel:** Points to the right-hand panel showing event history for various channels.



Double-click a live video channel to view full-screen.



Click & drag a live video channel to reposition it.

Right-click the mouse in Live View mode to display the Menu Bar (see [page 8](#) more information).

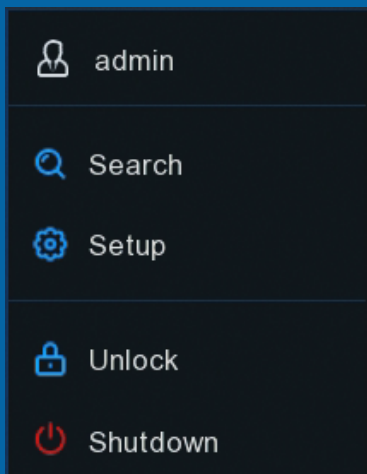
The Camera Toolbar provides access to functions such as instant playback and image settings (see [page 8](#) more information).

# Live View Controls

## Menu Bar

1. Click to reveal additional functions available (see dialogue box below).
2. Four camera view.
3. Nine camera view (this will display eight cameras on the 8 channel model).
4. Click to select from one of the multi-screen viewing modes available.
5. Click to repeatedly cycle through each video channel full-screen. Each video channel will be displayed for five seconds.
6. Click the larger button to access the Search menu. From here you can play previously recorded videos. Click the smaller button to play recent events.
7. Click to change the volume or to mute (click the speaker icon to mute).

## Main Menu



**Search:** Click to search and play recorded videos (hard drive & USB), view snapshots, and access system log files.

**Setup:** Click to access the Main Menu.

**Unlock:** Click to unlock your NVR. If the Menu Timeouts function is disabled, click to lock your NVR to prevent access.

**Shutdown:** Click to shutdown, reboot or logout of your NVR. Always shutdown your NVR when disconnecting the power.

8. Click to change from Substream resolution to Mainstream resolution when viewing the cameras in Live View mode. Click again to change to Substream.
9. Click to change the bitrate & frame rate when viewing the cameras in Live View mode - Realtime (high bitrate/high frame rate), Balanced (a balance between Realtime and Smooth), and Smooth (high frame rate/low bitrate).
10. This icon indicates that your NVR is connected to your modem or Wi-Fi using the supplied Ethernet cable.
11. Click to enter Manual Record mode. When enabled this will bypass the current recording schedule.
12. Click this to enter the Startup Wizard.

## Camera Toolbar



To access the camera toolbar, left-click a camera to display.

**1.** While viewing the camera, click to start a manual recording (the icon will turn red indicating that it is recording). Click again to stop.

**2.** Click to take a snapshot.

**3.** Click to play back the last recording saved (recording must be saved in the last five minutes).

**4.** Click to enter Zoom mode.

**5.** Click to adjust image settings.

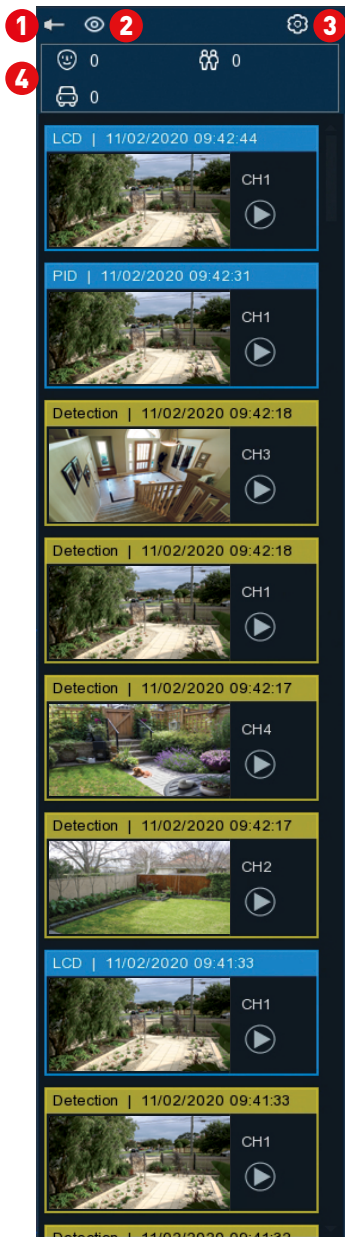
**6.** Click to change from Substream resolution to Mainstream resolution. Click again to change.

**7.** Click to enable the camera's siren and spotlight (if supported).

**8.** Click to add a Tag when recording. Tagging allows you to record information within the video.

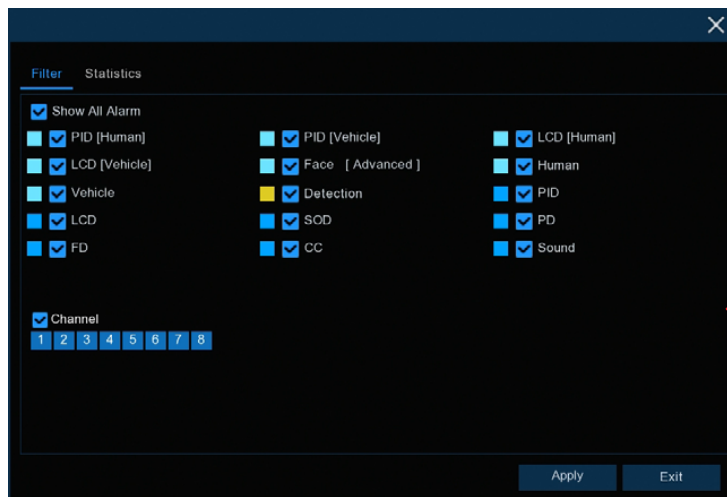


# Live View Controls

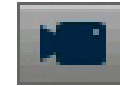


The Analytics Notification Panel will display a thumbnail of an event that has occurred via motion detection or if one or more of the analytic tools have been enabled. Events are color coded according to the event type. Use the mouse scroll wheel to scroll up and down (place the mouse cursor over the notification panel first). Click the play button next to the thumbnail to play the event.

1. Click to display the notification panel at all times.
2. Click to hide the notification panel.
3. Click to reveal the Filter and Statistics functions (Filter function shown below).
4. The counter will increase each time a face, person or motor vehicle is recognised/detected.



## Status Icons



This indicates that the camera is being recorded (either manually or by motion).



This indicates that your NVR is detecting motion from the camera.



This indicates that the camera has detected one or more warm objects.



This indicates that an event has occurred via one of the analytic functions (the NVR is recording).



This indicates that an event has occurred via one of the analytic functions (the NVR isn't recording).

## VIDEO LOSS

This indicates that the channel doesn't have a camera connected or has lost the feed from its camera.

Use the Filter function to customise which alerts and which camera will appear in the notification panel.

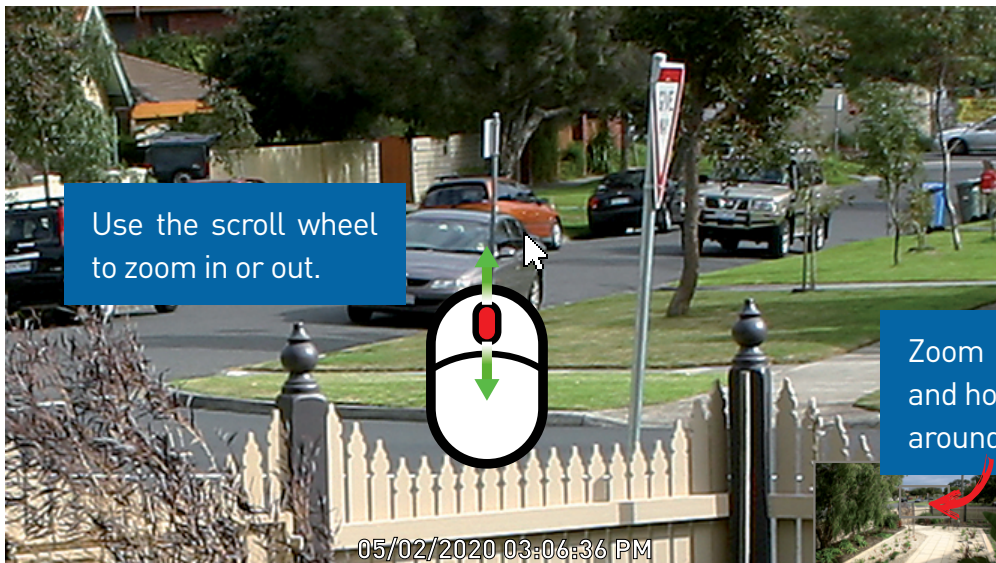
# Live View Digital Zoom Mode



**1.** To enter Zoom mode, left-click a camera in Live View mode then click the “Zoom” button on the Camera Toolbar (as shown on the left).

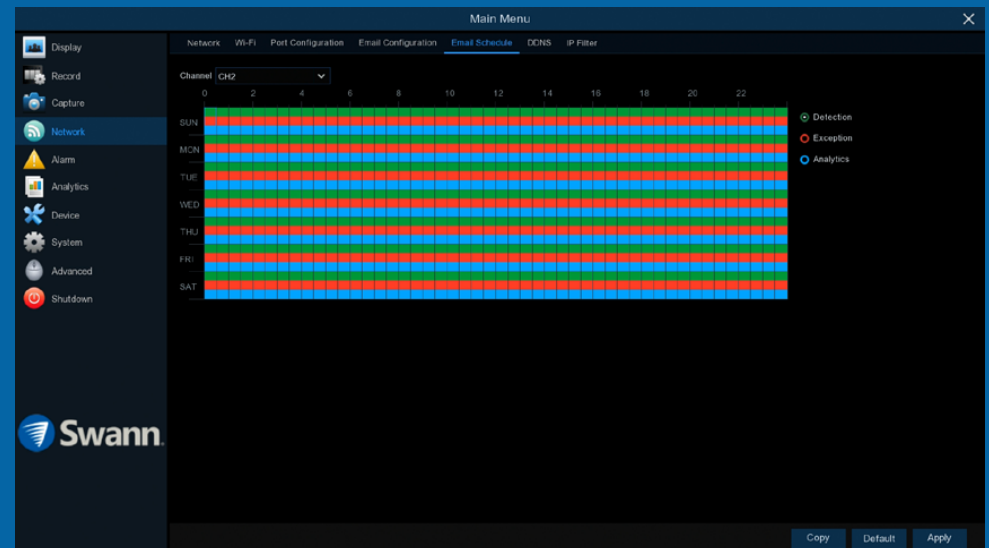
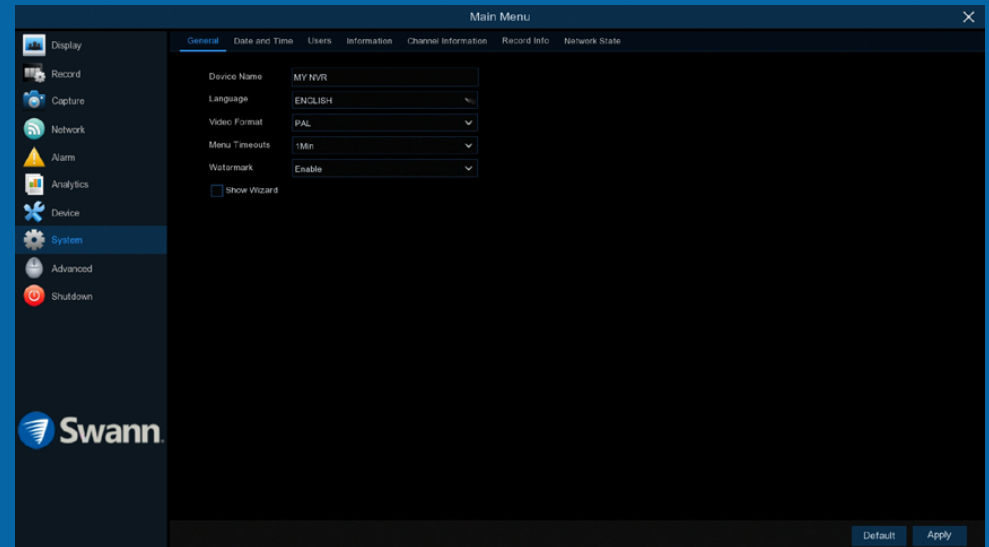
**2.** To zoom, move the mouse to the area or object that you want to zoom to then use the scroll wheel on the mouse to zoom in or out. When zoomed in, click and hold the rectangle (as shown bottom right of the screen) to scroll around the image. Right-click to exit.

Double-click the mouse to view multiple cameras.



# Main Menu

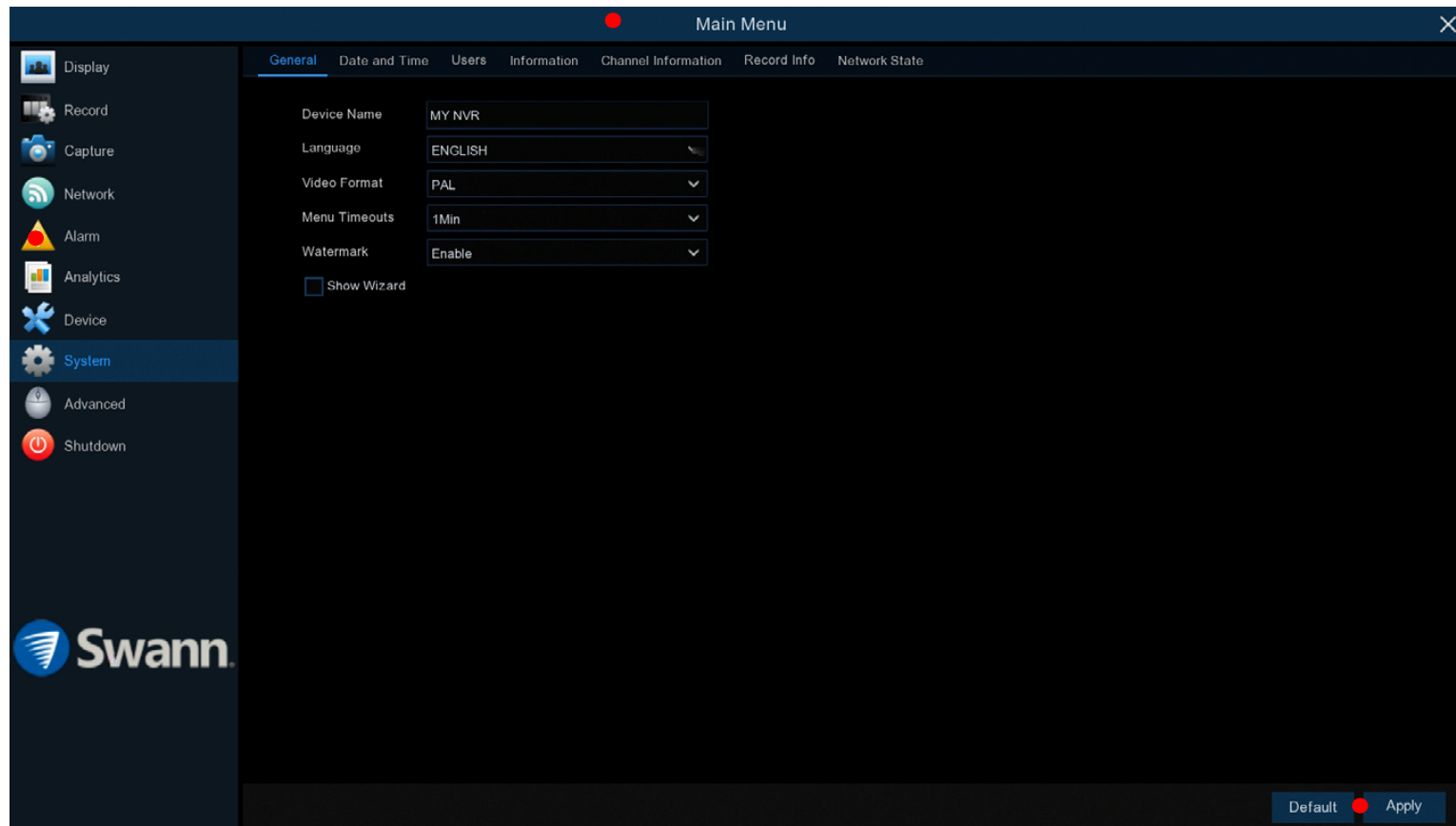
The Main Menu is where you control the various actions and options that are available on your NVR. Functions such as Privacy Mask can be enabled to obscure all or part of your image, and the option to change the default motion detection area. You can also enable Cloud Storage to copy snapshots and video to the cloud when events occur. To maintain system integrity, a firmware upgrade can be performed when available.



# Menu Layout

The various functions and options available, are categorised on the left-hand side of the Menu.

Clicking each category will reveal a number of tabs or sub-categories that can be changed from their default setting.



To exit or access the previous menu, right-click the mouse.

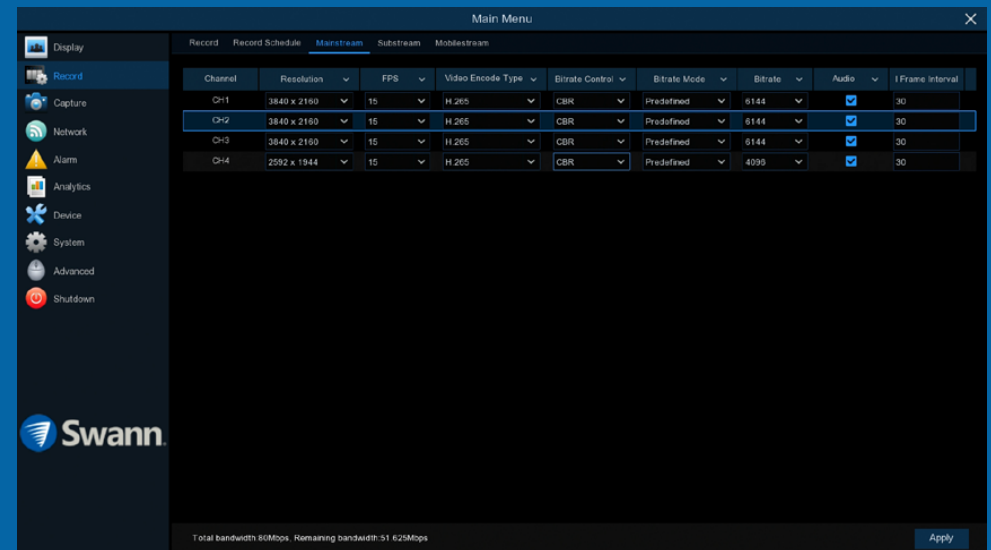
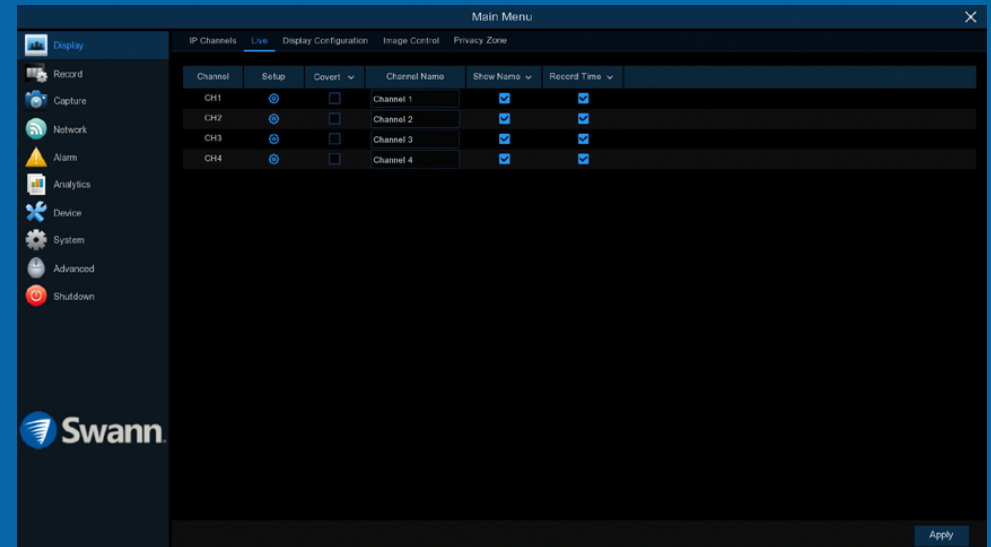


Save changes that have been made or restore default settings.

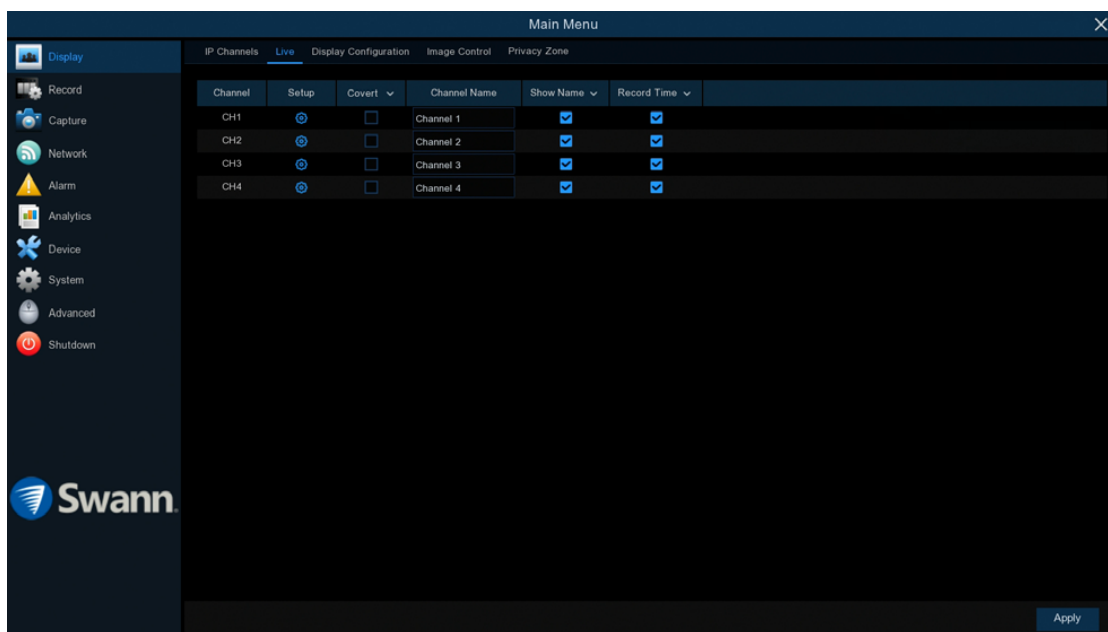


# Camera Configuration

The camera configuration options are available in the Display, Record and Alarm menus that are accessible from the Main Menu. You can change the resolution, bitrate, OSD (on-screen display) position as well as image settings for hue, brightness, contrast and saturation. Your NVR has controls for detecting motion, allowing you to define specific areas to alert you to a potential threat in and around your home. You also have the ability to create one or more zones for privacy and setting a schedule for the camera's sensor warning light.



# Display: Live



The configuration options available allow you to name each camera relevant to where it has been installed as well as the ability to adjust image settings such as brightness and contrast. You can also enable covert mode to hide the camera's image in Live View mode.

- Click "Default" to revert to default settings.
- Click "Apply" to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the button to access the camera display settings. You will see the camera display settings on the left (see [page 15](#)).

**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**Channel Name:** Enter a name for the camera selected. It can be up to 16 characters in length.

**Show Name:** Leave this enabled to display the camera name in Live View mode, otherwise click the checkbox to disable.

**Record Time:** Leave this enabled, as a timestamp will be embedded on all video recordings. Click the checkbox if you wish to disable.

**Alpha (NHD-885/886 only):** This allows you to adjust how visible the OSD

(camera name, date & time) will be in Live View mode. By increasing the value (move the slider to the right), you will see a surrounding rectangle underneath the OSD. This is beneficial for cameras that are pointing towards bright areas that make it hard to see the OSD.

**Hue:** This changes the color mix of the image.

**Bright:** This changes how light the image appears to be.

**Contrast:** The difference in luminance that makes an object distinguishable.

**Saturation:** This alters how much color is displayed in the image.

Use the slider to adjust each setting. When finished, click the "Apply" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

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# Display: Live - Settings



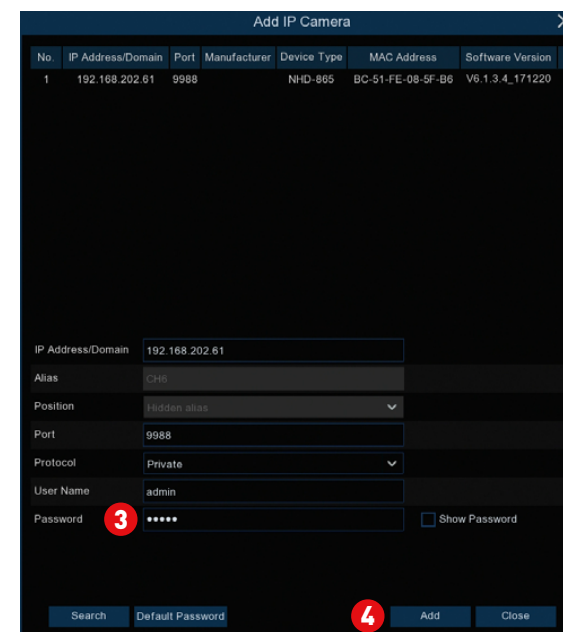
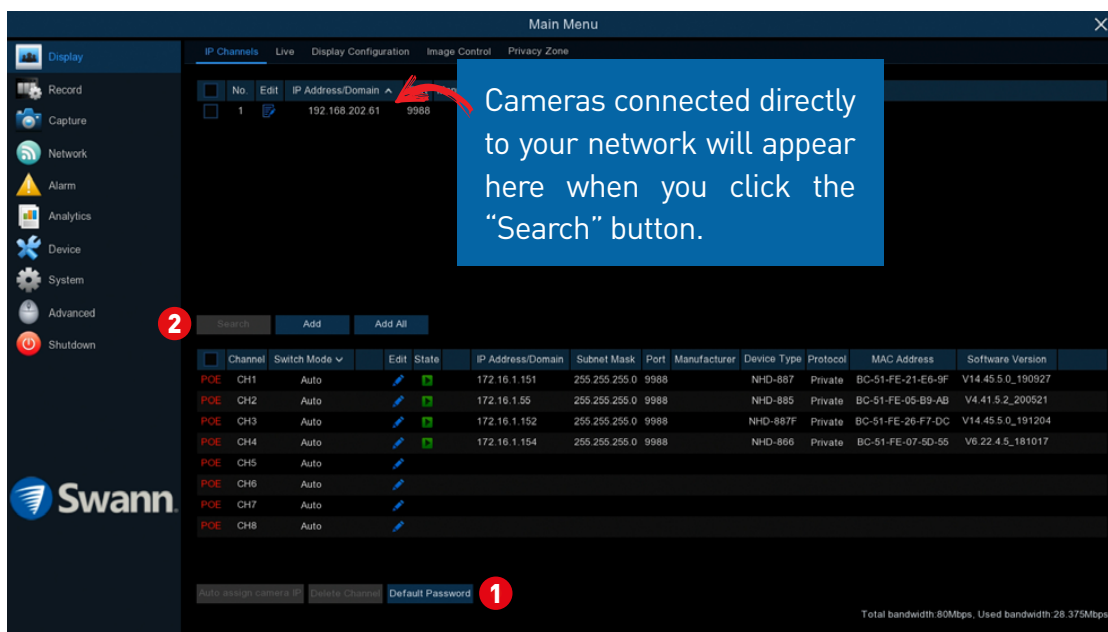
**Covert:** When enabled, the camera will detect motion and trigger your NVR to record, but you will not see an image of the camera in Live View mode. This may be suitable if your NVR and TV are displayed in a public area (shop, warehouse, etc.), but you don't want others to see an image from the camera.



Any changes made to the display settings available will affect your recordings.

TIP

# Display: IP Channel



This function is an advanced feature that is used to manage the cameras connected directly to your NVR as well as compatible IP cameras connected to your router. In most circumstances, the functions available here will not be needed for general use of your NVR.

1. Click this to change the default "ONVIF" password. Onvif is a global open standard for connection of IP-based security cameras. Write down the new password for safekeeping.
2. Click this to add your network connected camera. After a short moment, your NVR will detect the camera and it will appear as shown in the screenshot above-right. Click the checkbox to select.
3. Input the Onvif password that you created. Click the "Show Password" checkbox to display the password.

4. When finished, click this button. A green play button (State) will appear indicating successful connection. Right-click the mouse to exit.



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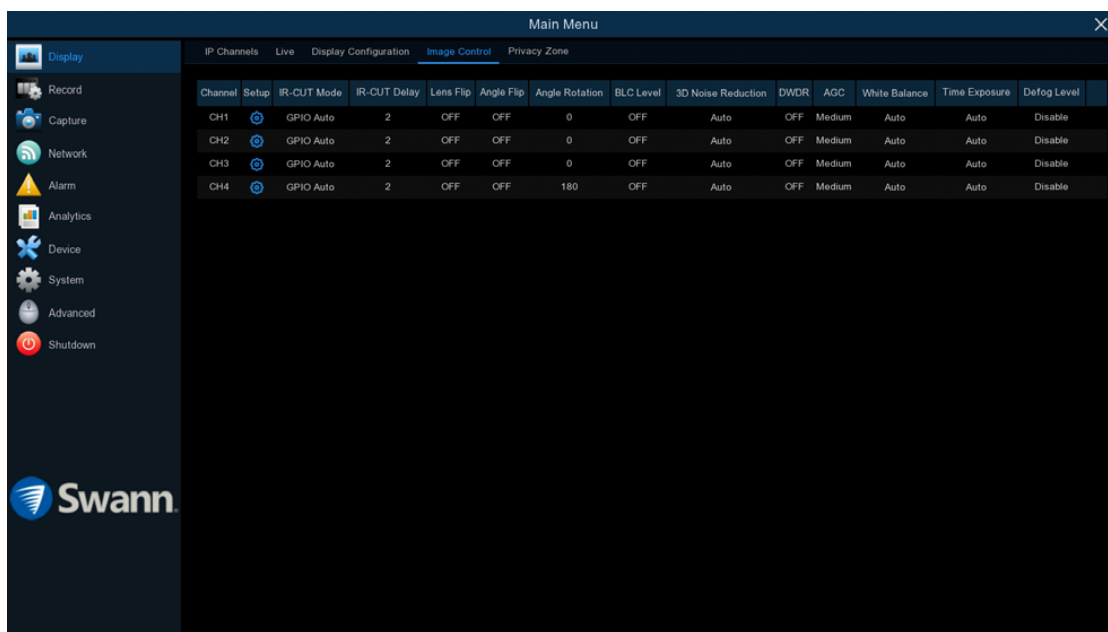
**Please note:** If you see a "Failed to connect to camera" error message in Live View mode for the camera that you have added, this indicates that either the password is incorrect (or has been changed) or it has been physically disconnected from your router.

## Can I add additional cameras that are connected to my router, even though all the cameras inputs on my NVR are used?

When adding cameras that are connected to your router, it is assigned to an available channel on your NVR, therefore if all channels are being used, you cannot add additional cameras. You will have to disconnect one of the cameras connected to your NVR to add a router connected camera.



# Display: Image Control



The functions available enable you to control the appearance and characteristics of the image shown from each camera. Each function can be adjusted to obtain the best possible image quality, providing you the flexibility to install the camera in the most challenging of lighting situations.

- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the button to access the camera image settings. You will see the camera image settings on the left (see [page 18](#)).

Any changes made to the camera image settings will be reflected here.

# Display: Image Control - Settings



**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**IR-CUT Mode:** Lets you choose how the camera handles color and how it manages the transition from daytime to night-time and vice versa:

- **GPIO Auto:** This will instruct the camera to switch automatically from “Color Mode” to “Black White mode” and vice versa.
- **Color Mode:** This will instruct the camera to operate in color mode only. In low light conditions, the color will be quite faint. Image clarity will also be reduced in low-light conditions.
- **Black White Mode:** This will instruct the camera to operate in black & white mode only.

**IR-Cut Delay:** Controls the delay of the IR cut filter when transitioning from

daytime to night-time. The default setting will be suitable for most camera locations but can be adjusted if needed. Click and hold the slider left or right to change. The higher the number, the greater the delay.

**IR-LED:** Allows you to turn of the infrared LEDs if required.

**Lens Flip & Angle Flip:** Turn the image upside down and/or horizontally reverse the orientation of the image.

**Corridor Mode (NHD-885/886 only):** Allows you to make better use of the camera’s vertical angle for an optimised view of long, narrow scenes. Enable this if your camera is viewing a narrow corridor.

**Angle Rotation:** Rotate the image by 90°, 180° and 270°.

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# Display: Image Control - Settings



**Back Light:** Improves exposure of an object that is in front of a light source. This may happen if an object is in front of a window or if a person is coming in from the outside. The camera will pick up the natural light, therefore the object or person in the foreground becomes dark. If the camera is mounted in a location where this is required, click the drop down menu to enable:

→ **BLC (Back Light Compensation) Level:** If “Back Light” has been enabled, you will see this option available. Click the drop down menu to select the level of back light compensation that you would like to apply. Some experimentation is recommended to select the best settings.

**3D Noise Reduction:** This function will reduce the overall noise content for recordings done at night or in lower light conditions. The “Auto” selection will be suitable for most camera locations but can be adjusted if needed:

→ **Manual:** Click the drop down menu and select “Manual”. Click and hold the slider left or right to change. Just be aware that setting the value too high, can cause a motion blur on moving objects appearing on-screen.

**DWDR/WDR (Wide Dynamic Range):** This function will balance out images that have a large dynamic range. It does this by brightening dark areas and darkening bright areas. An example of this situation would be if an indoor camera is pointing towards a window or building entrance. The image produced during the day would be washed out due to the high brightness of the incoming light. If this is required, click the drop down menu to enable:

→ **Level:** Click and hold the slider left or right to change. The higher the number, the wider the dynamic range will appear.

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# Display: Image Control - Settings



**HLC (Highlight Compensation, NHD-885 only):** This function will deal with an image overexposed with lights like headlights or spotlights. This will greatly reduce light exposure and improve the clarity of bright areas. This is an ideal function for car parks (not recommended for indoor use). If this is required, click the drop down menu to enable:

→ **Level:** Click and hold the slider left or right to change. The higher the number, the greater the highlight compensation will appear.

**AGC (Automatic Gain Control):** This function allows an increase in sensitivity, enabling operation in lower light conditions. The camera will automatically boost the gain control so that objects can be seen more clearly. Click the drop down menu to select a level of control that you would like to apply.

**White Balance:** This function adjusts for lighting in order to make white ob-

jects appear white in photos. One of the indicators for an improper white balance setting are dark colors which appear faded, shifted, or a completely different color altogether. If this is happening, click the drop down menu and change this to “Manual”, otherwise leave the “Auto” setting:

→ **Manual:** When selecting this mode, click and hold the red, green and blue sliders left or right to change.

→ **Indoor:** Select this mode if the camera has been mounted inside a place of residence.

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# Display: Image Control - Settings



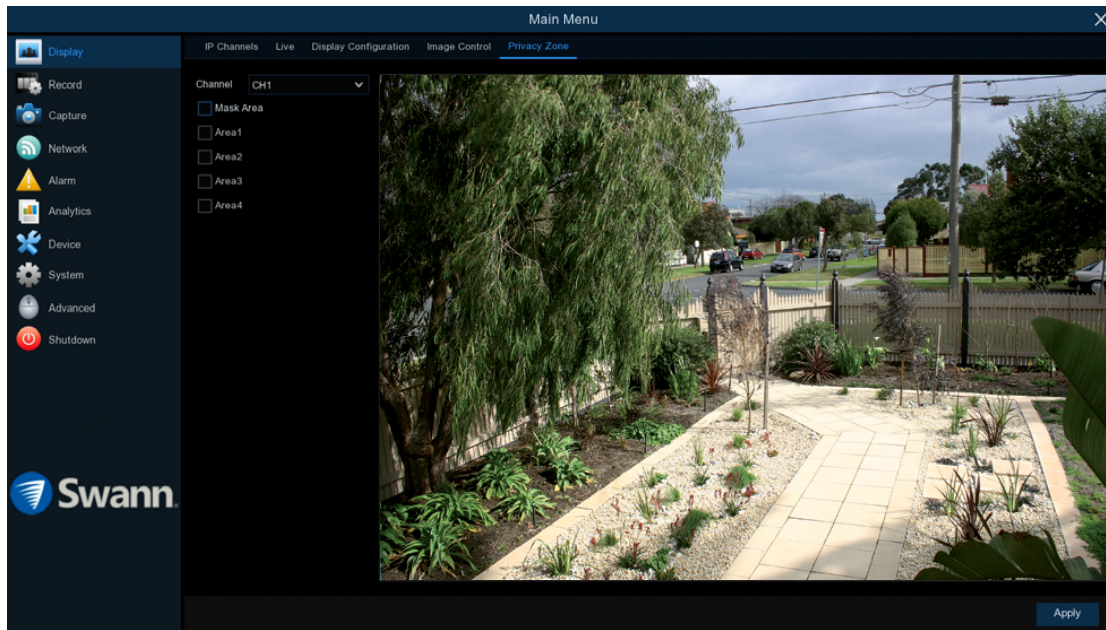
**Shutter:** This function controls the length of time a camera’s shutter is open and the amount of light reaching the sensor. In low light situations, the shutter needs to stay open longer in order for the sensor to receive enough light. The “Auto” setting will be suitable for most camera locations but can be adjusted if needed:

→ **Time Exposure:** When selecting “Manual”, click the drop down menu to select a different exposure time. The lower the number, the slower the shutter speed (may cause a motion blur on moving objects). Some experimentation is recommended to select the best settings.

**Defog Mode:** This function improves video quality if there is moderate to heavy fog or haze. The “Auto” setting will be suitable for most camera locations. If selecting “Manual”, click and hold the slider left or right to change.

**Volume:** Click and hold the slider left or right to change the camera’s built-in microphone volume level.

# Display: Privacy Zone



This function can be used to obscure all or part of your image for privacy (up to four privacy masks can be created per camera). You can also use this to minimize false triggers when motion is detected. Areas obscured by a mask won't be shown live or recorded.

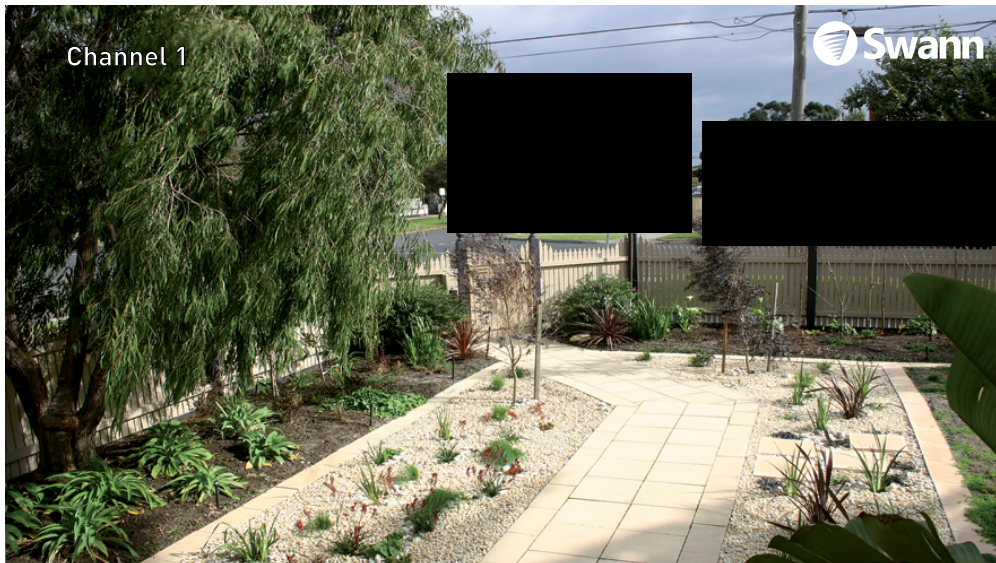
**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**Mask Area:** To create a mask, click the checkbox to enable.

**Area 1 to 4:** Click the checkbox on the number of privacy masks that you want to enable. Up to four privacy masks can be enabled per camera.

Depending on the number of privacy masks enabled, one or more masks will appear in the Live View windows (see page 23 - [Enabling a Privacy Mask](#)).

# Enabling a Privacy Mask



**1.** Depending on the number of masks that you want to enable, each mask will be numbered. To reposition the mask, click and hold the mask number then move the mask to the desired location.

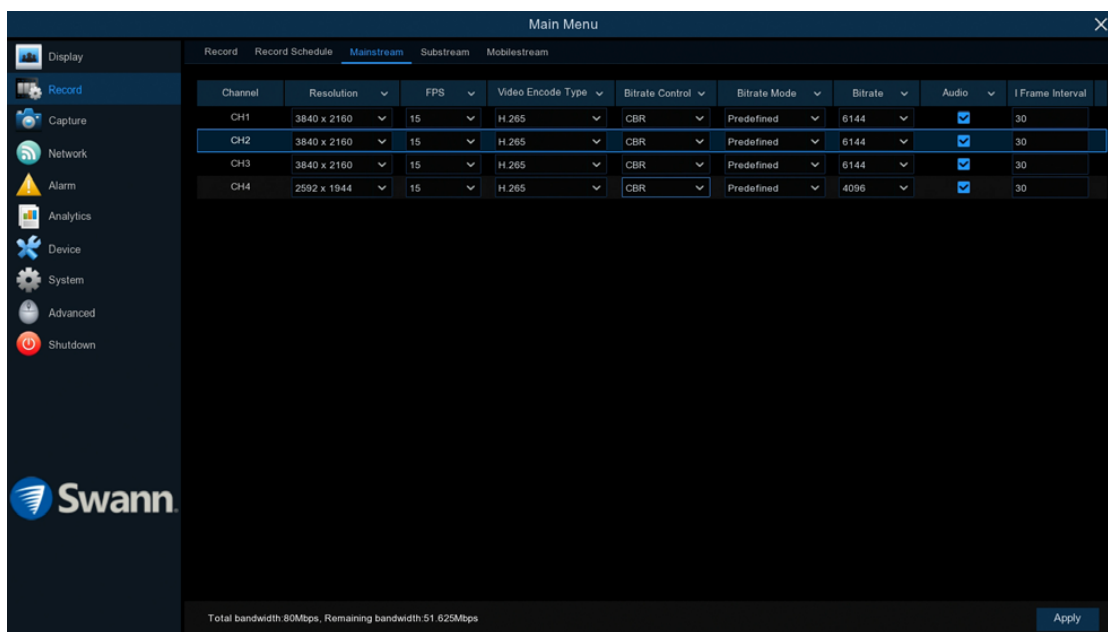
**2.** To resize the mask, click and hold the bottom right corner of the mask then resize to the desired size. You can reposition and resize each mask to overlap each other.

In the example provided on the left, two masks have been enabled to block out cars and pedestrians adjacent to the front yard of the house. This will minimise false triggers and block movement that is not relevant to entry via the front entrance.

**3.** When finished, click “Apply” to save. Areas obscured by a mask won’t be shown live or recorded (see below left).

To remove a mask, uncheck the checkbox next to the relevant area then click “Apply” to save.

# Record: Mainstream



The functions available here allow you to change the resolution, frame rate, bitrate control and bitrate mode for each camera connected. By default the recording resolution is automatically selected to fit in with the capabilities of the provided cameras.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Resolution:** By default, the recording resolution is automatically selected to match the capabilities of the provided cameras. Lower resolutions are available to select if required.

**FPS:** The number of frames per second (fps) that your NVR will record. By default, the fps are automatically selected to match the capabilities of the provided cameras.

**Video Encode Type:** Your NVR utilizes two methods to record video. The default method of compression is H.265. This will result in less hard drive space used when recording. The second method of compression is H.264. This is a commonly used format for recording and compressing video. If visual quality is of importance, change this to H.264, otherwise leave the default selection.

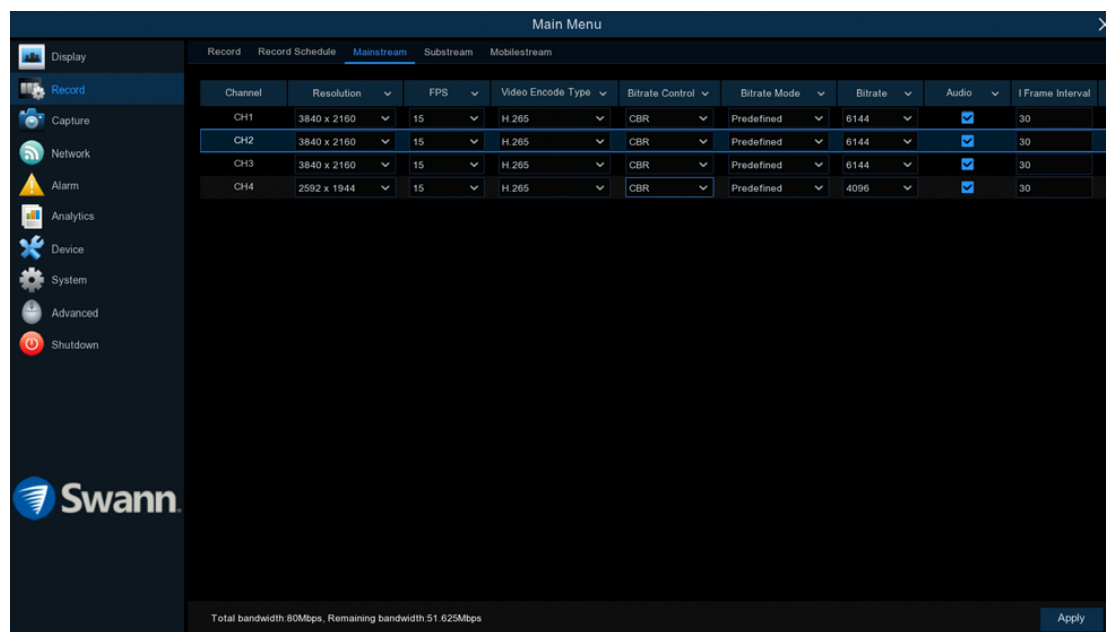
**Bitrate Control:** CBR (Constant Bitrate) utilises a fixed bitrate and bandwidth to record video. This means your NVR will use the same number of bits throughout the entire recording, regardless of what is happening on-screen. VBR (Variable Bitrate) utilises a bitrate and bandwidth that changes when your NVR is recording. The bitrate will increase or decrease depending on how complex the scene is.

**Which method should I choose?** Scene complexity can vary significantly over several hours of recorded video, and the bitrate you select will have an effect on image quality, bandwidth consumption, and hard drive storage. A complex scene with moving action, will affect image quality and bandwidth consumption more than a less complex scene with little action or movement.

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# Record: Mainstream



**CBR (Constant Bitrate):** Your NVR prioritizes recording at a constant bandwidth level and allows the video quality to vary to suit the available bandwidth. Setting the maximum Bitrate will potentially give the highest recording quality but will also consume storage at a higher rate.

**VBR (Variable Bitrate):** Your NVR prioritizes recording at a variable bandwidth level but keeps the video quality at a constant level based on the chosen Video Quality and Bitrate setting. A high-quality recording is created, but one that will use storage more efficiently. We recommend using this setting.

When choosing VBR, you can select the recording quality that will define the variable bitrate used. You can select from lowest to highest.

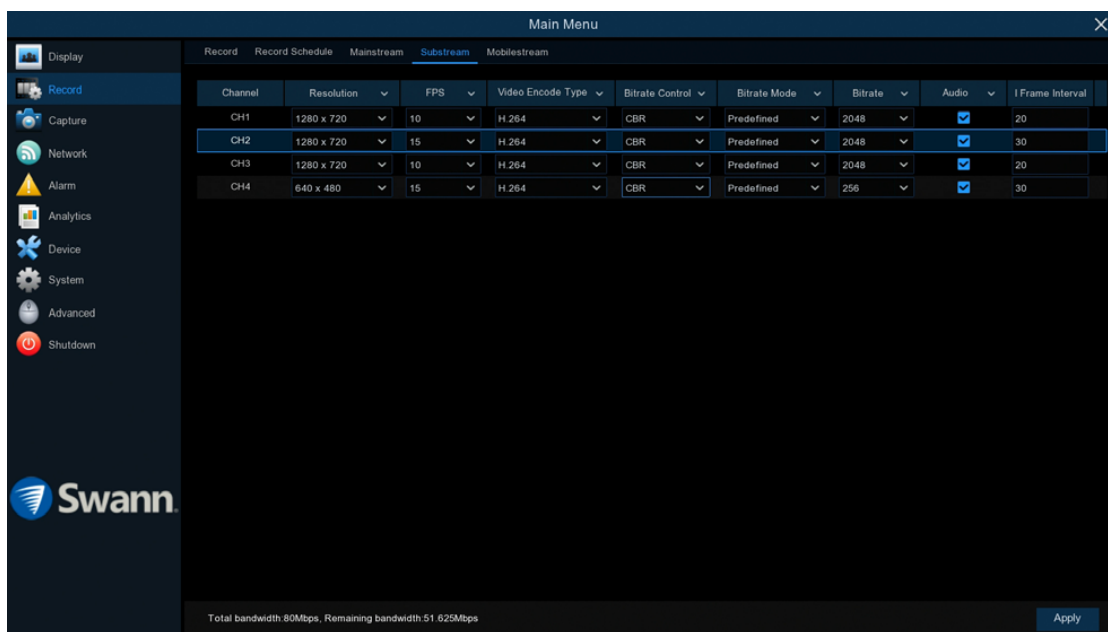
**Bitrate Mode:** You have the choice of selecting a predefined or user-defined bitrate. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable.

**Bitrate:** The amount of data that your NVR will use to record video. A high bitrate will increase the video quality, but will increase the need for more data traffic and each recording will consume more storage.

**Audio:** By default, your NVR will record audio using the camera's built-in microphone. If this is not required, click the checkbox to disable.

**I-Frame Interval:** This configures the number of partial frames that occur between full frames (I-Frames) in the video stream. For example, in a scene where a door opens and a person walks through, only the movements of the door and the person are stored. The stationary background that occurs in the previous partial frames are not encoded. As the I-Frame increases, the number of partial frames also increases. Higher values are only recommended on networks with high reliability, otherwise leave the default selection.

# Record: Substream



The functions available here allow you to control how video is streamed to your mobile device using the Swann Security app. You can change the frame rate, bitrate mode and bitrate control if you're having issues streaming live video from your NVR.

→ Click "Apply" to save settings.

**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**Resolution:** By default, the resolution is automatically selected to match the capabilities of the provided cameras. You can select a lower resolution if you're having issues streaming to your mobile device.

**FPS:** The number of frames per second (fps) that your NVR will process when streaming to your mobile device. For most instances, the default frame rate will be suitable. This is especially the case for cameras that monitor medium to high traffic areas and will result in smoother motion, but just be aware this will increase the bandwidth required. You can lower this if monitoring low traffic areas.

**Video Encode Type:** Your NVR utilizes two methods to record video. The default method of compression is H.265. This will result in less hard drive space

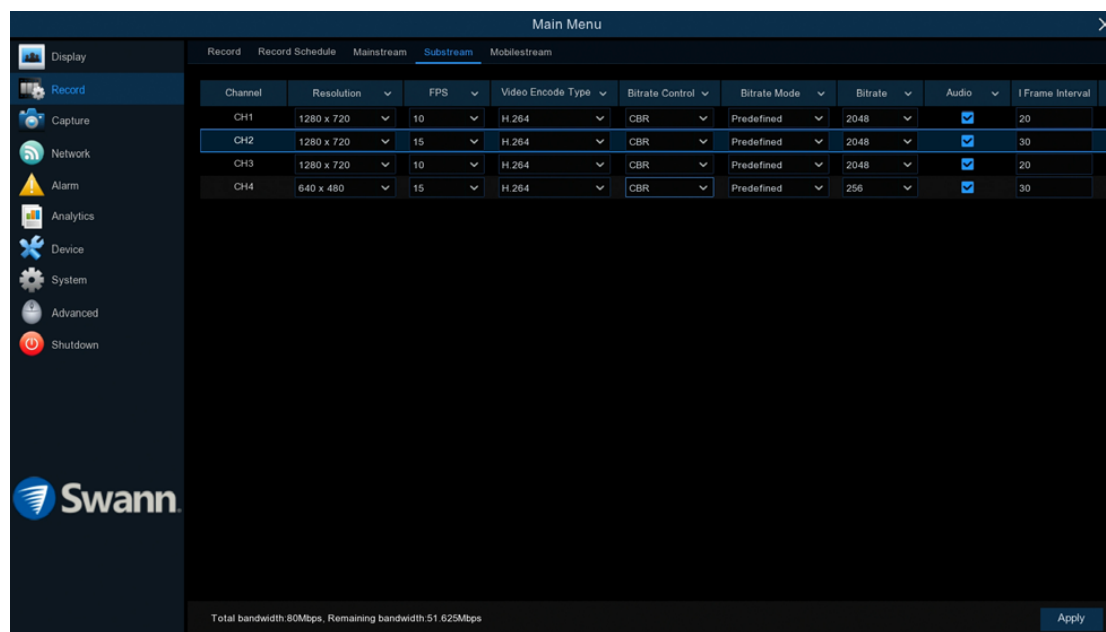
used when recording. The second method of compression is H.264. This is a commonly used format for recording and compressing video. If visual quality is of importance, change this to H.264, otherwise leave the default selection.

**Bitrate Control:** Change this to VBR. This will result in a lower recording size as well as a lower bandwidth requirement. You can select the recording quality that will define the variable bitrate used, from lowest to highest.

**Bitrate Mode:** You have the choice of selecting a predefined or user-defined bitrate. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable.

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# Record: Substream



**Bitrate:** The amount of data that your NVR will use to stream video to your mobile device. For cameras that monitor medium to high traffic areas, increase the bitrate to add more detail to the camera's image. Just be aware this will increase the bandwidth required. Increase the bitrate in small doses until you are satisfied with the image quality.

**Audio:** By default, your NVR will record audio using the camera's built-in microphone. If this isn't required, click the checkbox to disable.

**I Frame Interval:** This configures the number of partial frames that occur between full frames (I-Frames) in the video stream. For example, in a scene where a door opens and a person walks through, only the movements of the door and the person are stored. The stationary background that occurs in the previous partial frames are not encoded. As the I-Frame increases, the num-

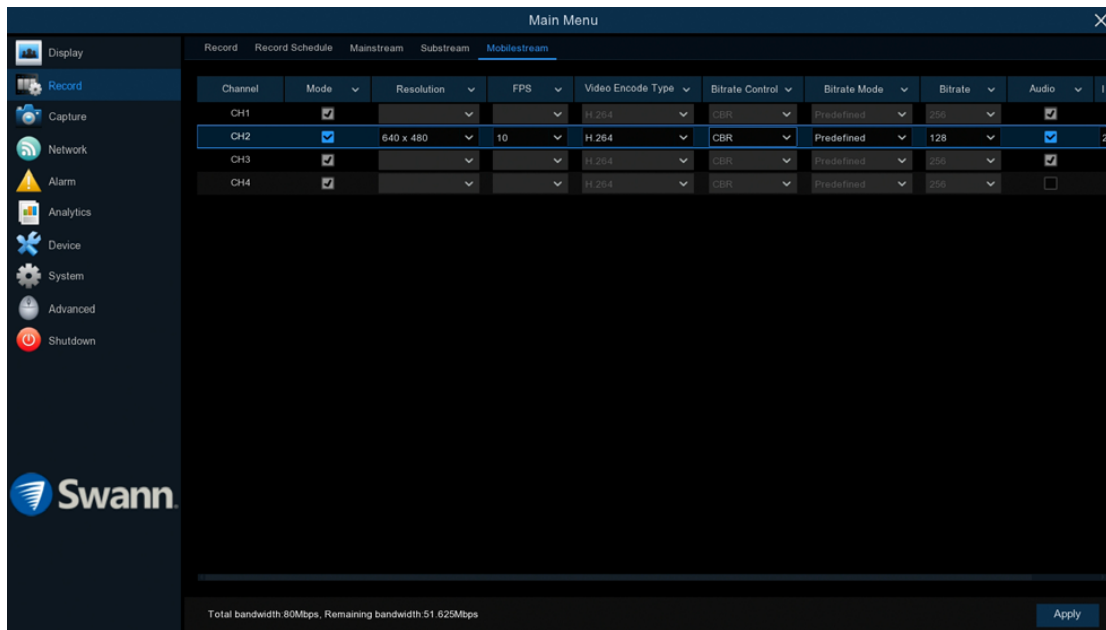
ber of partial frames also increases. Higher values are only recommended on networks with high reliability, otherwise leave the default selection.



TIP

When streaming live video, the quality is dependent on your internet connection and the Substream settings utilised. This is important to remember when streaming multiple cameras at the same time.

# Record: Mobilestream (NHD-885/886 only)



Mobilestream is the default control method used to stream video to your mobile device using the Swann Security app. You can change the resolution, frame rate, bitrate control and bitrate if you're having issues streaming live video from your NVR.

→ Click "Apply" to save settings.

**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**Resolution:** By default, the resolution is automatically selected to match the capabilities of the provided cameras. You can select a lower resolution if you're having issues streaming to your mobile device.

**FPS:** The number of frames per second (fps) that your NVR will process when streaming to your mobile device. For most instances, the default frame rate will be suitable. This is especially the case for cameras that monitor medium to high traffic areas and will result in smoother motion, but just be aware this will increase the bandwidth required. You can lower this if monitoring low traffic areas.

**Video Encode Type:** Your NVR utilizes two methods to record video. The default method of compression is H.265. This will result in less hard drive space

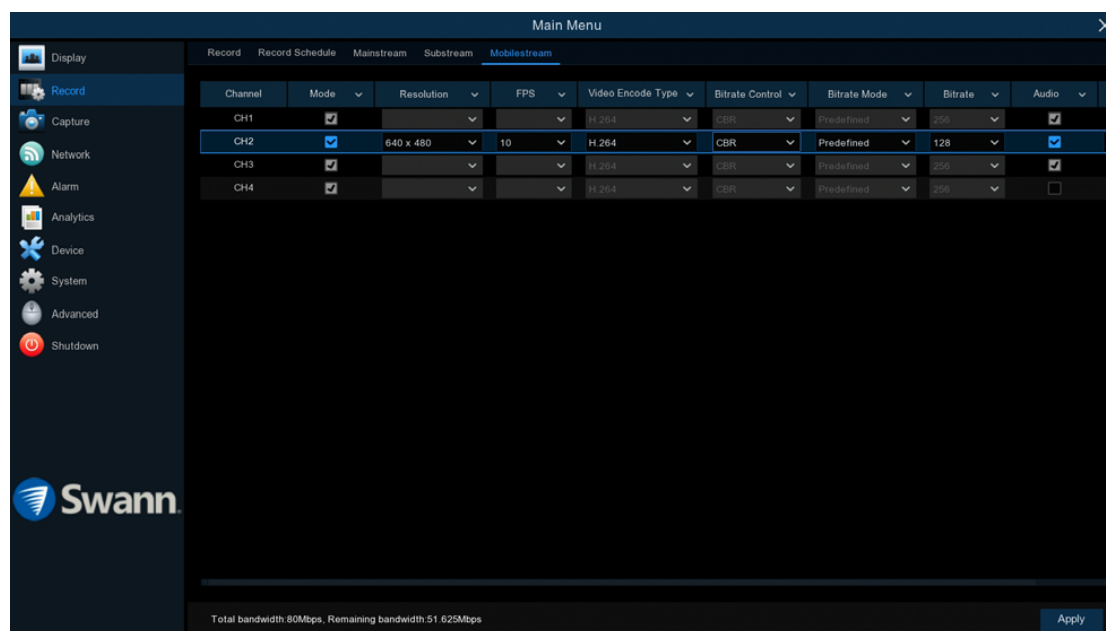
used when recording. The second method of compression is H.264. This is a commonly used format for recording and compressing video. If visual quality is of importance, change this to H.264, otherwise leave the default selection.

**Bitrate Control:** Change this to VBR. This will result in a lower recording size as well as a lower bandwidth requirement. You can select the recording quality that will define the variable bitrate used, from lowest to highest.

**Bitrate Mode:** You have the choice of selecting a predefined or user-defined bitrate. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable.

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# Record: Mobilestream (NHD-885/886 only)



**Bitrate:** The amount of data that your NVR will use to stream video to your mobile device. For cameras that monitor medium to high traffic areas, increase the bitrate to add more detail to the camera's image. Just be aware this will increase the bandwidth required. Increase the bitrate in small doses until you are satisfied with the image quality.

**Audio:** By default, your NVR will record audio using the camera's built-in microphone. If this isn't required, click the checkbox to disable.

**I Frame Interval:** This configures the number of partial frames that occur between full frames (I-Frames) in the video stream. For example, in a scene where a door opens and a person walks through, only the movements of the door and the person are stored. The stationary background that occurs in the previous partial frames are not encoded. As the I-Frame increases, the num-

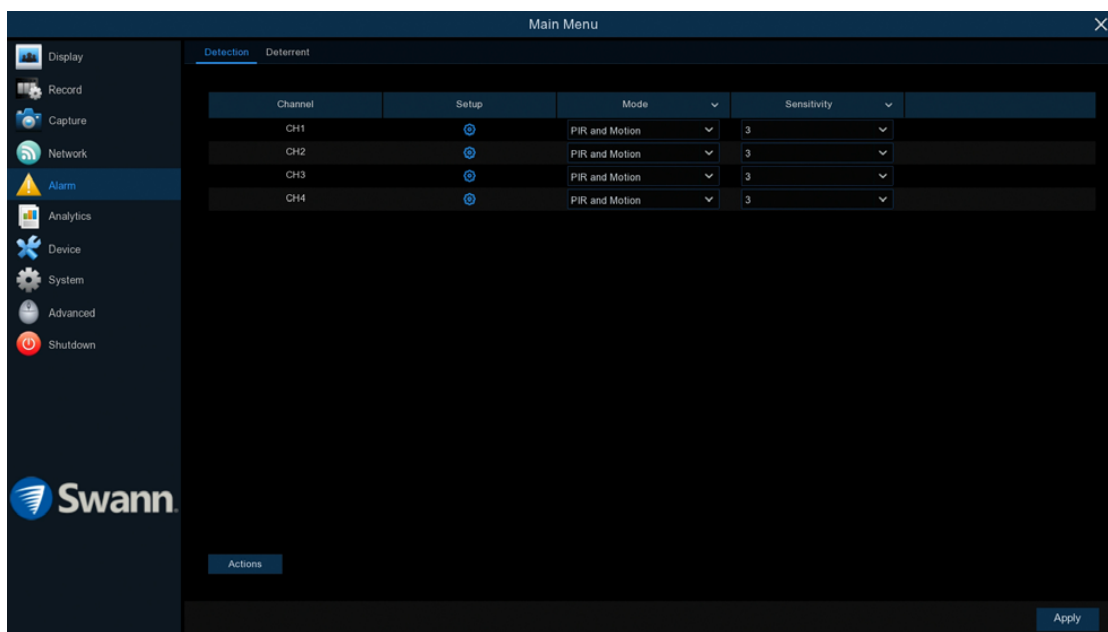
ber of partial frames also increases. Higher values are only recommended on networks with high reliability, otherwise leave the default selection.



TIP

When streaming live video, the quality is dependent on your internet connection and the Mobilestream settings utilised. This is important to remember when streaming multiple cameras at the same time.

# Alarm: Detection



When motion has been detected by one or more cameras, your NVR will alert you to a potential threat at your home. It does this by sending you an email alert with an attached image from the camera to use as a reference (if this option is enabled) and/or sending push notifications via the Swann Security app.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the button to change the default motion detection area. The entire view of the camera is enabled for motion detection, however you can select certain areas if you wish (see page 31 - [Motion Detection Setup](#)).

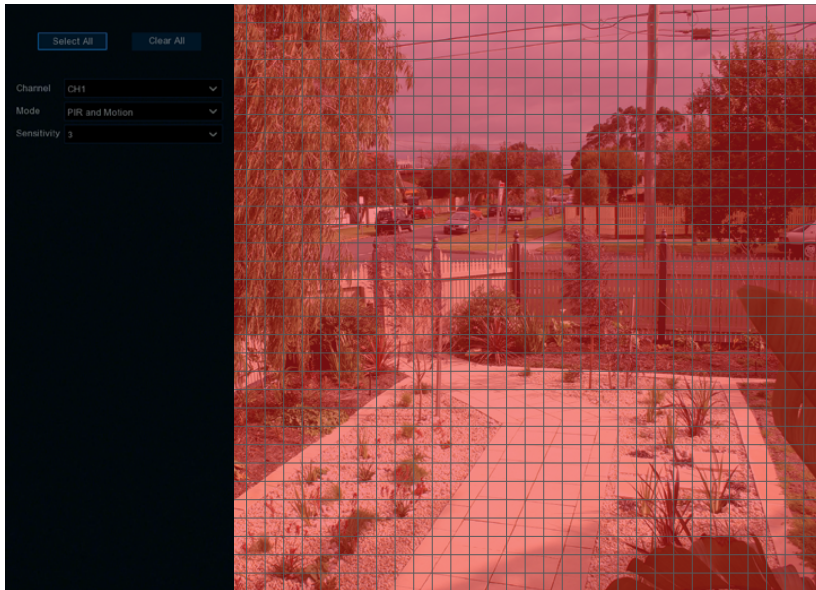
**Mode:** By default, your NVR will record motion only if one or more objects have been detected by the camera and the camera’s built-in PIR sensor. This provides more accurate motion detection by eliminating false triggers due to wind, leaves falling and rain (see page 34 - [Thermal-Sensing Camera Tips](#)). If you’re monitoring an area that doesn’t require objects to be detected by the camera’s built-in PIR sensor, such as a busy walkway or a building entrance, change this to “Motion”.

**Sensitivity:** This option allows you to change the sensitivity level. The higher

the number, the more sensitive your NVR will be when detecting motion. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however it’s recommended to conduct a test to see if the sensitivity level is correct for the camera’s location (see page 33 - [Motion Detection Tips](#)).

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 32 - [Alarm: Detection - Actions](#)).

# Motion Detection Setup

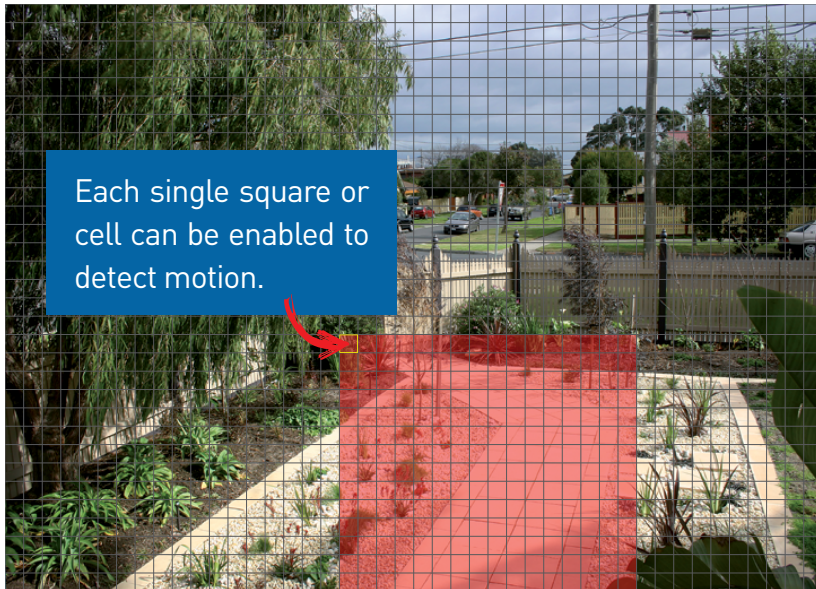


1. Click “Clear All” to delete the default motion detection area.
2. To create a new motion detection area, press and hold the left mouse button to select the cell or square that you want to start at, then click and drag to select the area that you want to create. Release the mouse to finish.
3. Multiple areas can be created. Each individual cell or square can be enabled to detect motion. The same action also applies to delete an area that has been created.

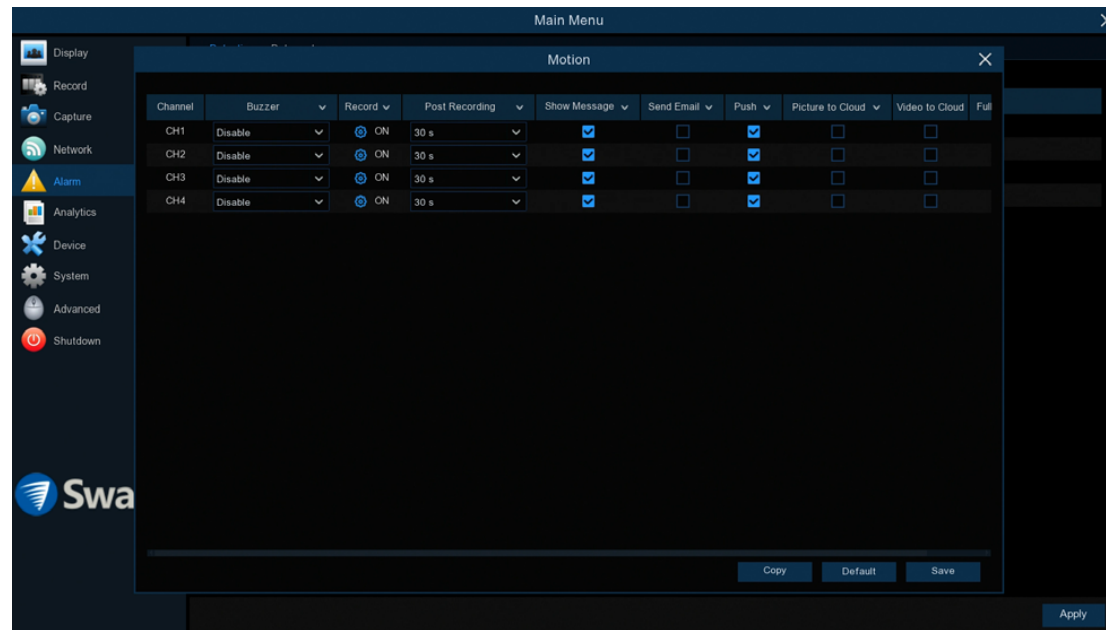
In the example provided, a motion detection area has been created for the front yard but excludes objects such as trees as well as cars and pedestrians adjacent to the front yard of the house. Anyone who walks along the path via the front entrance and approaches the front door will be detected.

Movement outside of the motion detection areas will not be detected so will not trigger recordings or event notifications.

4. Adjust the sensitivity if required then right-click the mouse to exit.
5. Click “Apply” to save changes made.



# Alarm: Detection - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected. Click the "Analog Channels" checkbox to select all cameras or click on the individual camera number that you want to trigger for recording.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

**Show Message:** When motion has been detected, the motion icon will appear on-screen. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Send Email:** Click the checkbox to enable your NVR to send an email alert when motion has been detected.

**Push:** Push notifications are automatically sent via the Swann Security app. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Picture to Cloud:** Click the checkbox to copy snapshots to the cloud via Dropbox.

**Video to Cloud:** Click the checkbox to copy videos to the cloud via Dropbox.

**Full Screen (slide to the right to view):** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.



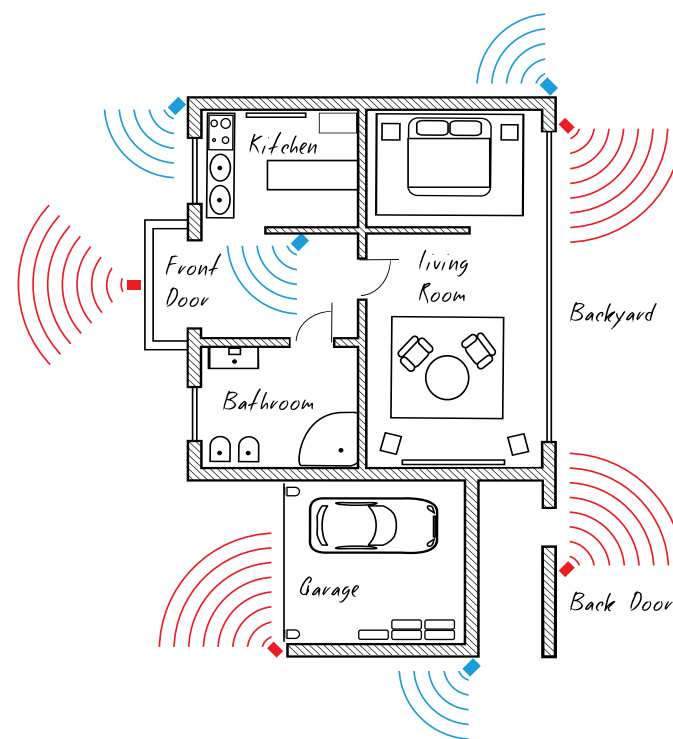
# Motion Detection Tips

## Placement of the cameras

1. Place cameras so they are facing areas where people have to walk through to approach your home regardless of where they are headed. A good idea is to place a camera overlooking your front door to capture an image of anyone approaching it for later reference. This is great if you have parcels delivered to your door or if the potential burglar knocks or rings the doorbell to see if anyone is home.
2. Walk around your house and assess where intruders are most likely to approach to enter, and what path they would take. Most burglars enter the home through a front or back door, so it's advisable to place the cameras near those areas so that you get the best amount of detail of anyone who approaches.
3. When installing cameras outside, it's important to keep your front and backyard as well-lit as possible for ideal night vision and the ability to detect motion. It's common for intruders to enter a home through an unlocked garage or by using a garage door opener in an unlocked car located in the driveway. Positioning your cameras to overlook cars in the driveway and similar locations can be very useful.

## Avoiding False Triggers

1. A tree, shrub or foliage that is blown by the wind - angle the camera so wind-blown objects are out of the camera's view or use the camera motion detection area settings to exclude these areas from detection.
2. People moving along sidewalks or streets that are close to your home, aim your cameras and use the motion detection area settings to ensure only legitimate threats are triggering events.
3. Vehicles moving in the background - angle the camera so as to avoid movement in the background or use the motion detection area settings to stop detection of cars in the street.
4. Movement or light reflected off smooth surfaces such as glass - adjust the sensitivity level and/or avoid pointing the camera directly at glass surfaces.



The **red cameras** illustrated (see above) are your primary locations. Place your cameras close to the front door, back door, garage entrance and overlooking the backyard.

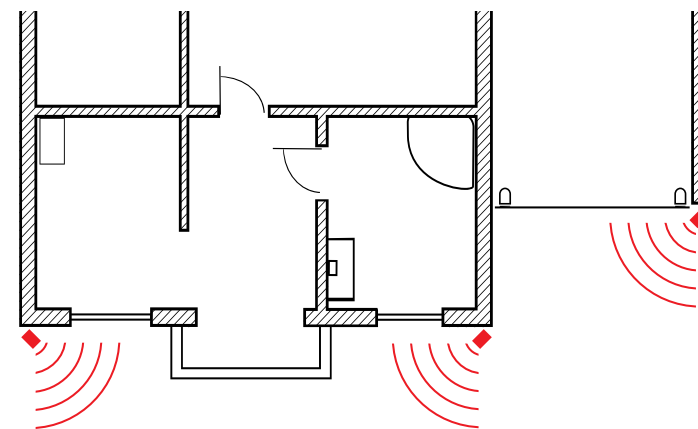
The **blue cameras** illustrated are your secondary locations. If your NVR includes additional cameras, place these at the front entrance inside the home, the front of the house (this could overlook the front garden or driveway), a side gate or if you have multiple entrances to the backyard.

# Thermal-Sensing Camera Tips

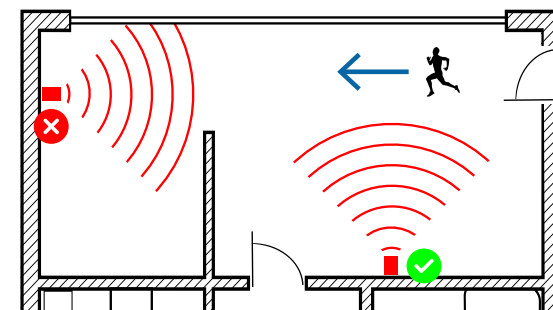
If thermal-sensing cameras have been included with your NVR or you have purchased them separately, the following tips will help you in getting the best results from your security system.

Your cameras have a built-in PIR (passive infrared motion detector) sensor. This means they can sense movement of warm objects including people, cars and animals. The advantage over cameras that don't have a PIR sensor, is they are very resistant to false triggers from changes in the image.

- PIR sensors work best when an intruder walks parallel or is passing across their "field of view" as opposed to walking directly at them. For example, in a hallway or path around the house you tend to walk parallel to the walls, not directly toward them. Position your cameras so that anyone approaching your home will cross the camera's view and trigger an event.
- For a recording to occur, the PIR must sense a warm object moving in front of it and the camera's image sensor must detect movement in the image. If either of these triggers has not occurred, no video will be recorded.
- When the PIR is triggered, the PIR icon (red box) will flash on-screen. If PIR and motion are triggered, the "running man" icon will be shown on-screen indicating that an event has occurred and that a recording is happening.
- The PIR can detect objects outside of the camera's field of view, so not everything that triggers the sensor will be visible on your camera.
- The PIR can reliably detect movement up to 30ft/9m, movement beyond this range may or may not be detected.
- Be aware that sudden changes in temperature of paths, roads, for example, can cause some minor false alerts to occur when there is also movement in the image such as trees and shadows.
- If some false triggering is occurring, use the motion area setup to remove moving objects from being detected, and to further refine your alerts (see page 31 - [Motion Detection Setup](#)).
- When used indoors, keep the cameras away from heating vents, heaters and other heat sources as they can trigger the PIR. However if there is no movement in the image, a false alert is unlikely.

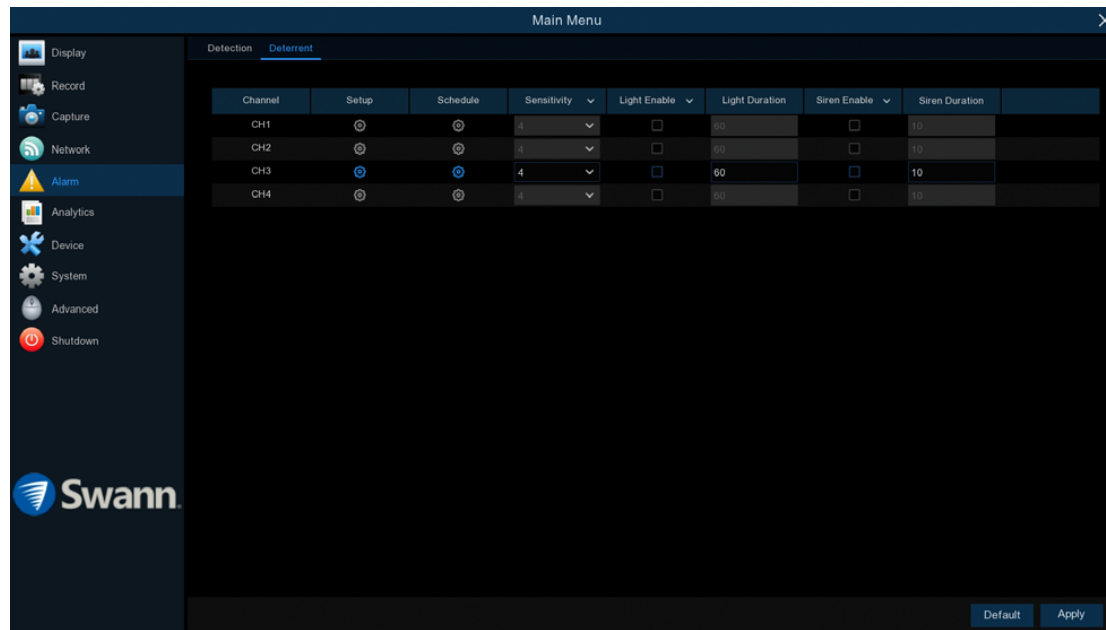


When installing cameras outside, mount them where intruders are most likely to enter (front & back doors, garage entrance). Angle the cameras so the intruder walks parallel to the sensor.



PIR sensors work best when an intruder walks parallel or is passing across their "field of view" as opposed to walking directly at them.

# Alarm: Deterrent (NHD-885/887MSFB only)



Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the button to change the default spotlight detection area. The entire view of the camera is enabled, however you can select certain areas if you wish (see page 36 - [Deterrent Setup](#)).

**Schedule:** Click the button to change the default spotlight schedule (see page 37 - [Spotlight Trigger Schedule](#)).

**Sensitivity:** This option allows you to change how sensitive the spotlight will be when your NVR has detected motion. This is independent of the camera's sensitivity for detecting motion. As an example, you may want to record movement that is happening in the background but you don't want the spotlight and or the siren to be triggered until one or more objects gets closer to the camera. For this scenario, you would adjust the sensitivity to 1 or 2.

**Light Enable:** Click the checkbox to enable the camera's spotlight.

**Light Duration:** Lets you change the length of time the spotlight will remain lit when motion has been detected. Adjust accordingly.

**Siren Enable:** The camera's siren is disabled by default. If the siren is required, click the drop down menu to enable (this function is only available if your camera has a built-in siren). A warning message will appear on-screen. Click "OK" to continue.

# Deterrent Setup



1. Click “Clear All” to delete the default spotlight detection area.
2. To create a new spotlight detection area, press and hold the left mouse button to select the cell or square that you want to start at, then click and drag to select the area that you want to create. Release the mouse to finish.

3. Multiple areas can be created. Each individual square can be enabled to trigger the spotlight. The same action also applies to delete an area that has been created.

In the example provided, a spotlight detection area has been created for the backyard and will trigger the spotlight when one or more objects gets closer to the rear of the house.

Movement outside of the spotlight detection area will not trigger the spotlight.

**Light Enable:** Click the drop down menu to enable the camera’s spotlight.

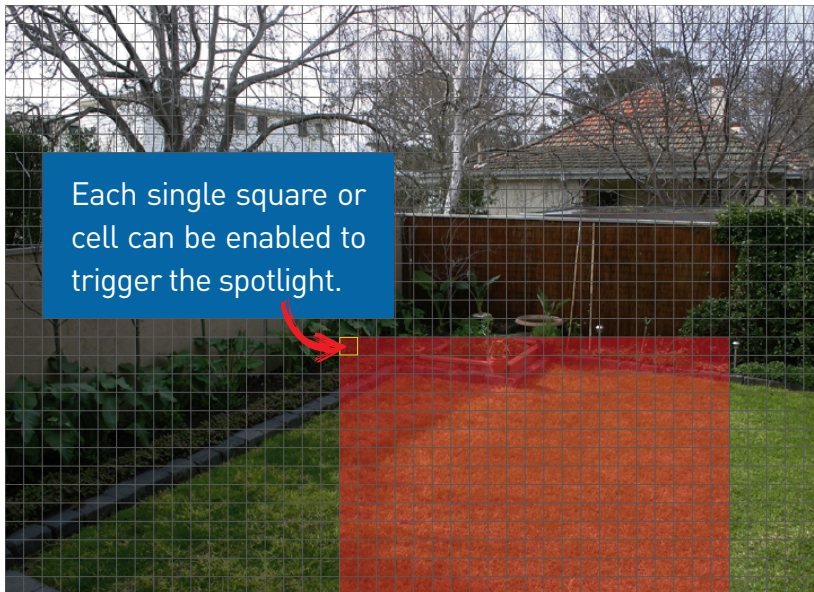
**Sensitivity:** Click the drop down menu to adjust the sensitivity if needed.

**Siren Enable:** Click the drop down menu to enable the camera’s siren. A warning message will appear on-screen. Click “OK” to continue.

**Siren Duration:** Lets you change the length of time the siren will remain turned on when motion has been detected. Adjust accordingly.

4. Right-click the mouse to exit.

5. Click “Apply” to save changes made.



# Spotlight Trigger Schedule

The screenshot displays the Swann alarm system's 'Main Menu' interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with icons for Display, Record, Capture, Network, Alarm, Analytics, Device, System, Advanced, and Shutdown. The 'Alarm' section is currently selected. The main area shows a 'Detection' tab with a 'Deterrent' sub-tab. Below this is a table with columns for Channel, Setup, Schedule, Sensitivity, Light Enable, Light Duration, Siren Enable, and Siren Duration. Two channels, CH1 and CH2, are listed. Below the table is a 'Schedule' window with a grid for configuring the spotlight trigger schedule. The grid has days of the week (SUN to SAT) on the vertical axis and time in hours (0 to 22) on the horizontal axis. Blue squares indicate the active trigger schedule. The current schedule shows triggers from 00:00 to 06:30 on all days and from 16:30 to 23:30 on all days. At the bottom of the grid are 'Default', 'Save', and 'Close' buttons. The Swann logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the interface.

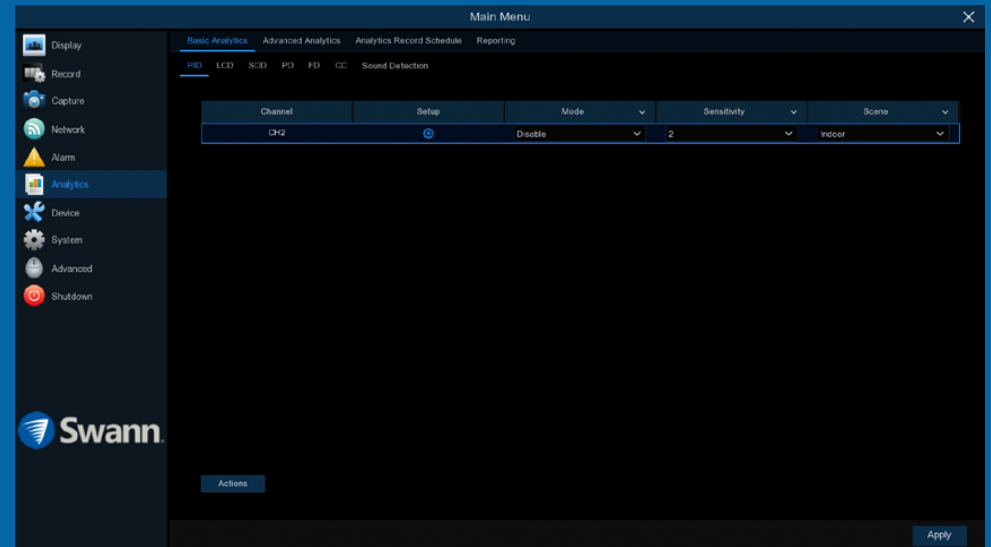
By default, the spotlight and siren will not trigger between 06:30 a.m. and 04:30 p.m., however you can change this according to your needs.

Each square represents 30 minutes. Using the mouse, click on a particular square to change or click and drag the mouse over the squares corresponding to your desired time period.

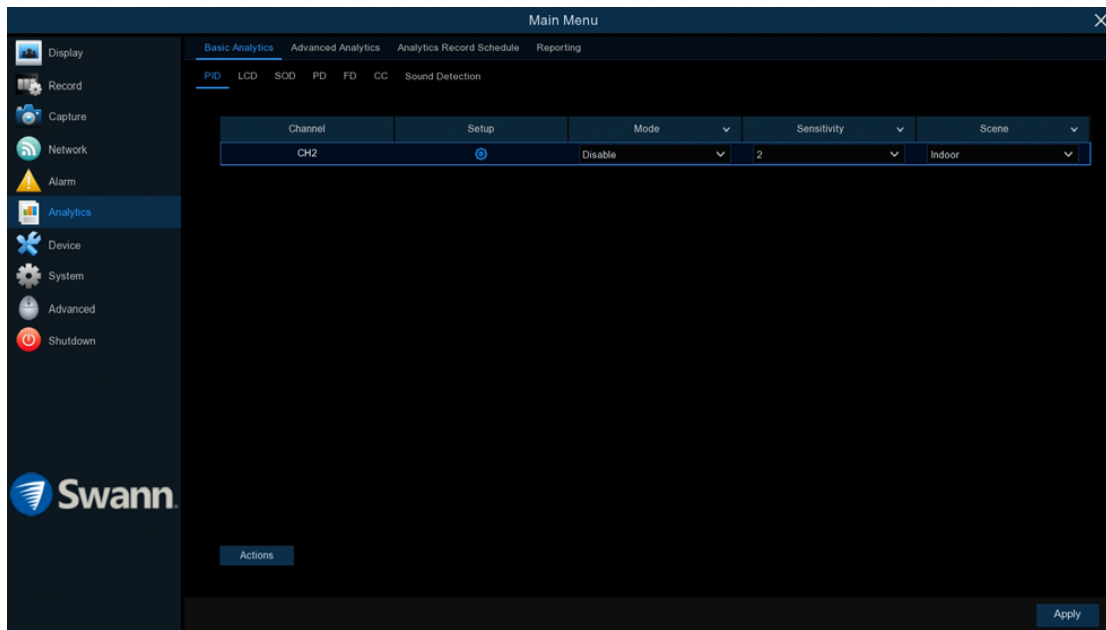
Click "Save" to save changes made. Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics

Analytics provides you with much greater control on how your NVR detects motion. You can enable face detection, be alerted if the camera detects static objects removed or left behind, and to count movement crossing a line that you draw on the image. By drawing a detection line, you can apply a rule on which direction your NVR detects motion, and you can also define specific intrusion areas that can alert you if one or more objects has stayed within a given time (especially helpful if people are loitering or if a car is parked where it shouldn't be).



# Analytics: PID (Perimeter Intrusion Detection)



A perimeter intrusion region can be used to define specific areas that you want to monitor for motion. For example, a rule can be defined so that your NVR will alert you if one or more objects have stayed within the intrusion region for a particular time. You can also select which direction an object can enter and or exit. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-885/886 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the button to draw one or more perimeter intrusion regions (see page 40 - [Drawing a Perimeter Intrusion Region](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “PID” to receive alerts when motion has been detected. Select “PID+PIR” to receive alerts when motion has been detected by the camera and the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.

**Sensitivity:** Adjust the sensitivity level of the perimeter intrusion region. The higher the number, the more sensitive the intrusion region will be.

**Scene:** Select the appropriate setting for where the camera is located.

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 41 - [Analytics: PID \(Perimeter Intrusion Detection\) - Actions](#)).



TIP

When motion has been detected by one of the analytic functions, a green or red “S” will appear in Live View Mode. Green indicates that the NVR isn’t recording and red indicates that the NVR is recording.

# Drawing a Perimeter Intrusion Region



**To remove a perimeter intrusion region:** Click the rule number checkbox to select then press the “Remove” button. Click “Remove All” if multiple regions have been drawn.

**Rule Number:** Click the drop down menu to select the rule number that you want to create. Up to four perimeter intrusion regions can be drawn.

**Rule Switch:** Leave this enabled.

**Rule Type:** There are three rule types that can be selected. Select the appropriate rule for the region created (each region can have a different rule).

**A->B:** Motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from direction A only.

**B->A:** Motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from direction B only.

**A<->B:** Motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from both directions.

Using the mouse, you need to create four points to draw a perimeter intrusion region (it can be drawn at any size). Your NVR does not allow lines to be crossed when drawing an intrusion region.

As illustrated above left, click once at the start point then move right and click once to create the second point. Move the mouse down and click once to create the third point then move left and click once to create the fourth point.

**Remove:** See above right example.

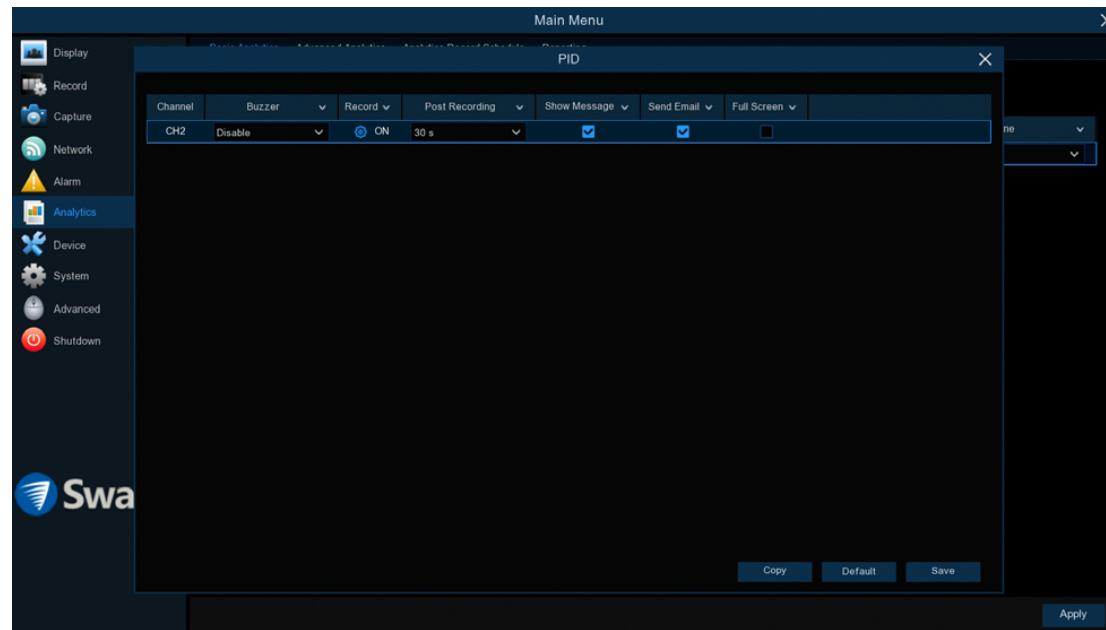
**Remove All:** Click this to remove all perimeter intrusion regions.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.

Right-click to exit.



# Analytics: PID (Perimeter Intrusion Detection) - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

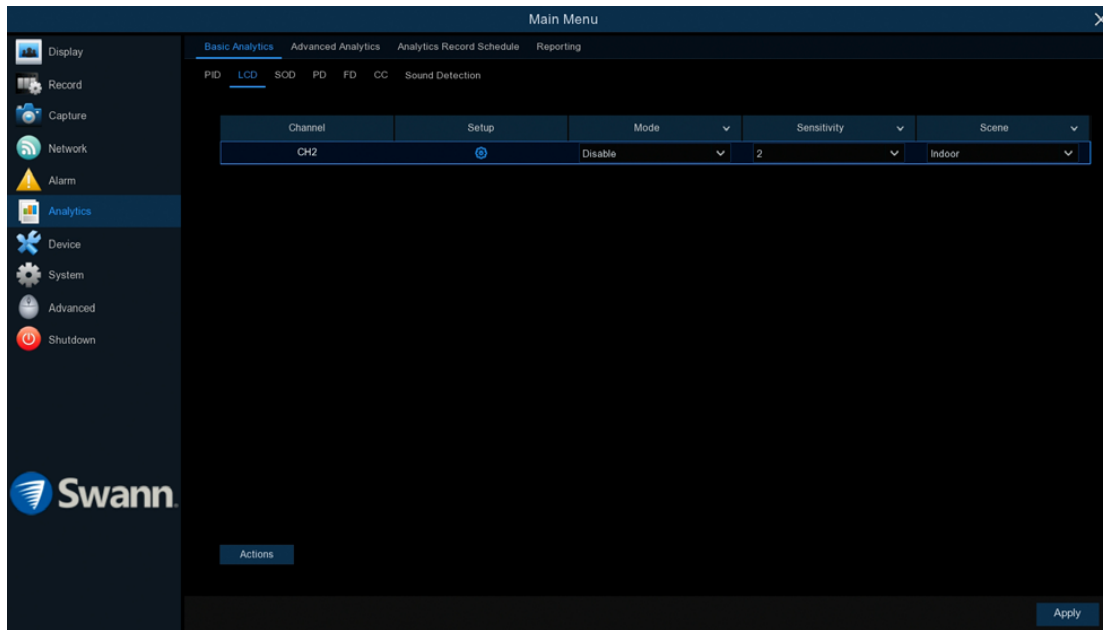
**Show Message:** The motion icon will appear on-screen when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics: LCD (Line Crossing Detection)



By drawing a detection line (it can be drawn at any orientation, length or angle), you can apply a rule on which direction your NVR detects motion. As an example, this can be used to detect people jumping a fence or entering and or exiting a doorway. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-885/886 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to draw one or more detection lines (see page 43 - [Drawing a Detection Line](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “LCD” to receive alerts when motion has been detected. Select “LCD+PIR” to receive alerts when motion has been detected by the camera and the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.

**Sensitivity:** Adjust the sensitivity level of the detection line. The higher the number, the more sensitive the detection will be.

**Scene:** Select the appropriate setting for where the camera is located.

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 44 - [Analytics: LCD \(Line Crossing Detection\) - Actions](#)).



TIP

When motion has been detected by one of the analytic functions, a green or red “S” will appear in Live View Mode. Green indicates that the NVR isn’t recording and red indicates that the NVR is recording.

# Drawing a Detection Line



**To remove a detection line:** Click the rule number checkbox to select then press the “Remove” button. Click “Remove All” if multiple lines have been drawn.

**Rule Number:** Click the drop down menu to select the rule number that you want to create. Up to four detection lines can be drawn.

**Rule Switch:** Leave this enabled.

**Rule Type:** There are three rule types that can be selected. Select the appropriate rule for the line drawn (each line can have a different rule).

**A->B:** Motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from direction A only.

**B->A:** Motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from direction B only.

**A<->B:** Motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from both directions.

Using the mouse, click once at the start point then click again at the end point. A detection line will be drawn between the two points. Direction A and direction B will be shown, denoting the rule that you can apply to the detection line. A detection line can be drawn at any orientation, length or angle.

As illustrated above left, a detection line has been drawn across the fence line. When selecting rule B->A, motion is detected when an object has crossed the line from direction B only.

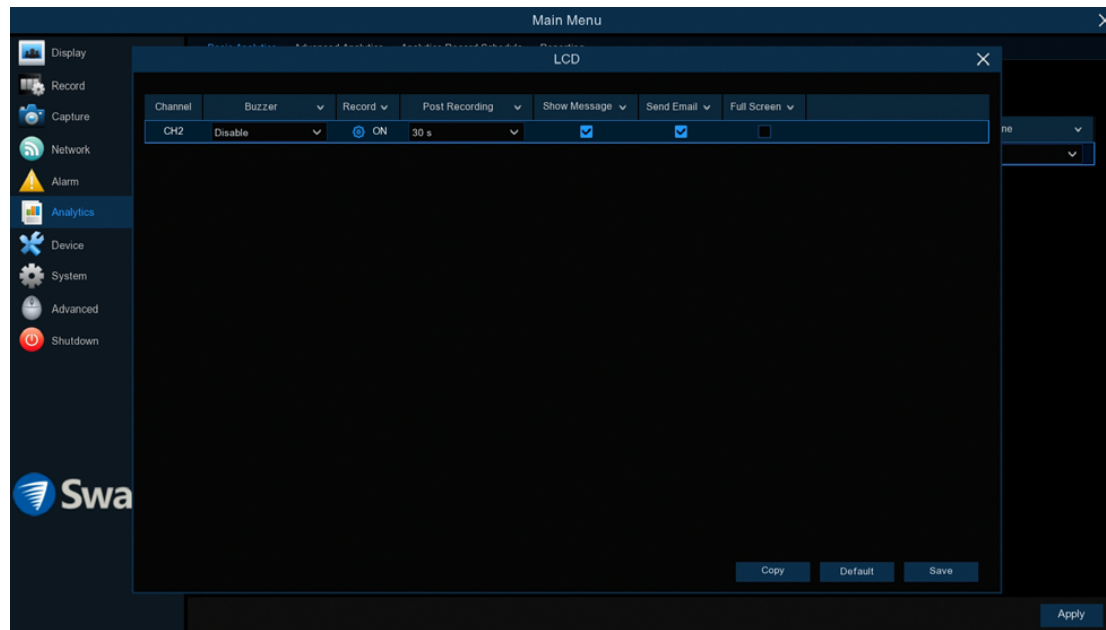
**Remove:** See above right example.

**Remove All:** Click this to remove all detection lines.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.

Right-click to exit.

# Analytics: LCD (Line Crossing Detection) - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

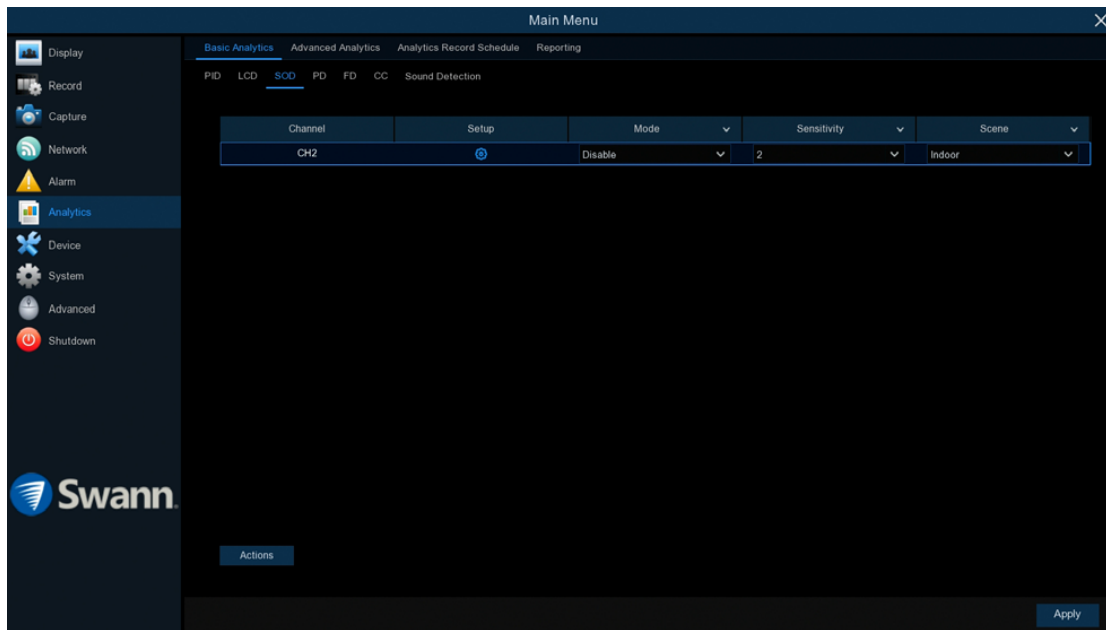
**Show Message:** When motion has been detected, the motion icon will appear on-screen. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Send Email:** Click the checkbox to enable your NVR to send an email alert when motion has been detected.

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics: SOD (Stationary Object Detection)



This function can be used to monitor static objects in and around your home. By drawing an area around an object, if that object is removed, your NVR will trigger recording and alert you to an event. Protect valuables or use it on your porch to detect a parcel delivered. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-885/886 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to draw one or more detection lines (see page 46 - [Drawing an Object Detection Region](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “SOD” to receive alerts when motion has been detected. Select “SOD+PIR” to receive alerts when motion has been detected by the camera and the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.

**Sensitivity:** Adjust the sensitivity level of the object detection region. The higher the number, the more sensitive the detection will be.

**Scene:** Select the appropriate setting for where the camera is located.

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 47 - [Analytics: SOD \(Stationary Object Detection\) - Actions](#)).



TIP

When motion has been detected by one of the analytic functions, a green or red “S” will appear in Live View Mode. Green indicates that the NVR isn’t recording and red indicates that the NVR is recording.

# Drawing an Object Detection Region



**To remove an object detection region:** Click the rule number checkbox to select then press the “Remove” button. Click “Remove All” if multiple regions have been drawn.

**Rule Number:** Click the drop down menu to select the rule number that you want to create. Up to four object detection regions can be drawn.

**Rule Switch:** Leave this enabled.

**Rule Type:** Only one rule type is available.

**Taken & Left:** An event will occur when an object has been taken or removed and or when an object has been left within the object detection region.

Using the mouse, you need to create four points to draw an object detection region (it can be drawn at any size). Your NVR does not allow lines to be crossed when drawing a detection region. Make sure the detection region is greater than or equal to the size of the detected object.

As illustrated above left, click once at the start point then move right and

click once to create the second point. Move the mouse down and click once to create the third point then move left and click once to create the fourth point.

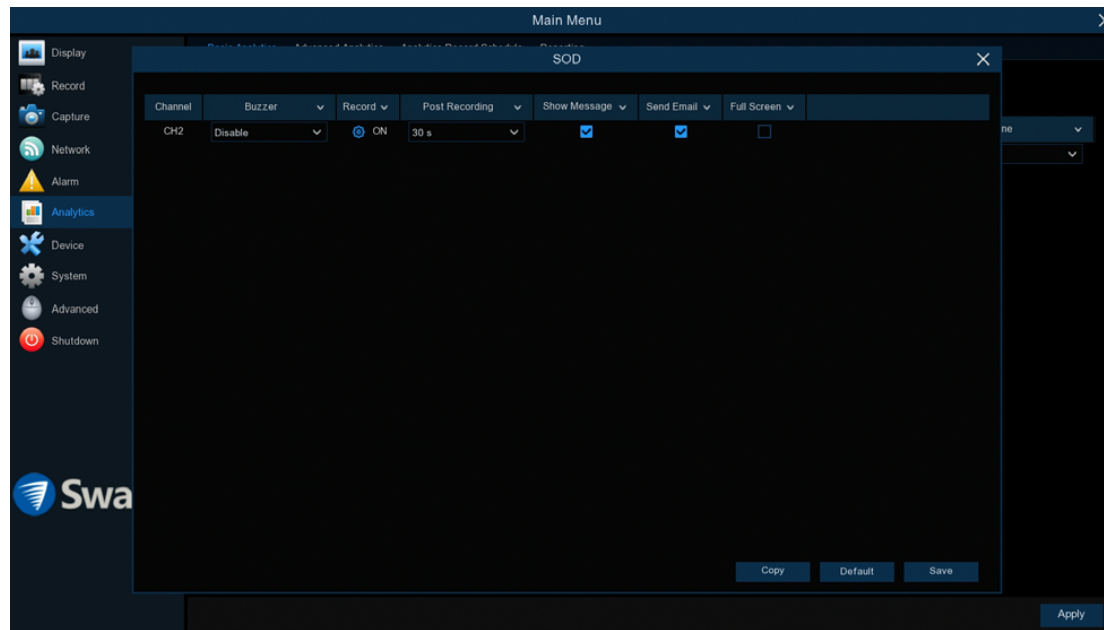
**Remove:** See above right example.

**Remove All:** Click this to remove all object detection regions.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.

Right-click to exit.

# Analytics: SOD (Stationary Object Detection) - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

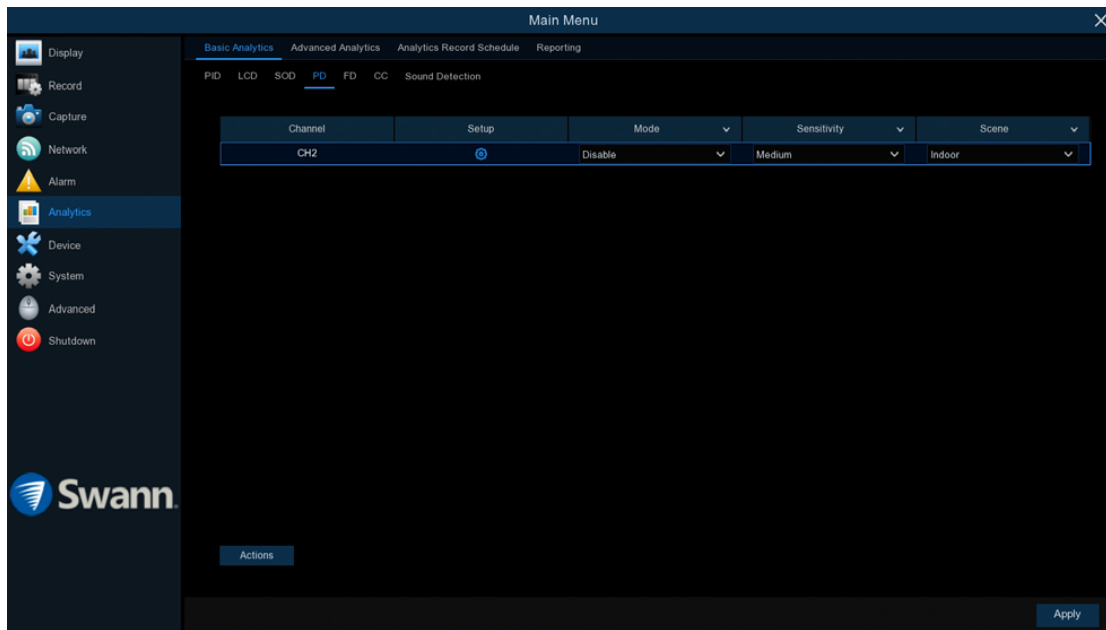
**Show Message:** The motion icon will appear on-screen when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics: PD (Pedestrian Detection)



This function distinguishes movement of person-shaped objects. When detected, your NVR will activate recording, and it will also send an alert. Use it to detect anyone walking towards your property or residence. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-885/886 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to draw one or more detection lines (see page 49 - [Drawing a Pedestrian Detection Region](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “PD” to receive alerts when motion has been detected. Select “PD+PIR” to receive alerts when motion has been detected by the camera and the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.

**Sensitivity:** Adjust the sensitivity level of the pedestrian detection region. The higher the number, the more sensitive the detection will be.

**Scene:** Select the appropriate setting for where the camera is located.

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 50 - [Analytics: PD \(Pedestrian Detection\) - Actions](#)).



TIP

When motion has been detected by one of the analytic functions, a green or red “S” will appear in Live View Mode. Green indicates that the NVR isn’t recording and red indicates that the NVR is recording.

**Please note:** This function can only be used if the PID, LCD and SOD analytic functions are disabled.



# Drawing a Pedestrian Detection Region



**Rule Switch:** Leave this enabled.

Using the mouse, you need to create four points to draw a pedestrian detection region (it can be drawn at any size). Your NVR does not allow lines to be crossed when drawing a detection region. Make sure the detection region is greater than or equal to the size of the detected object.

As illustrated above left, click once at the start point then move right and click once to create the second point. Move the mouse down and click once to create the third point then move left and click once to create the fourth point.

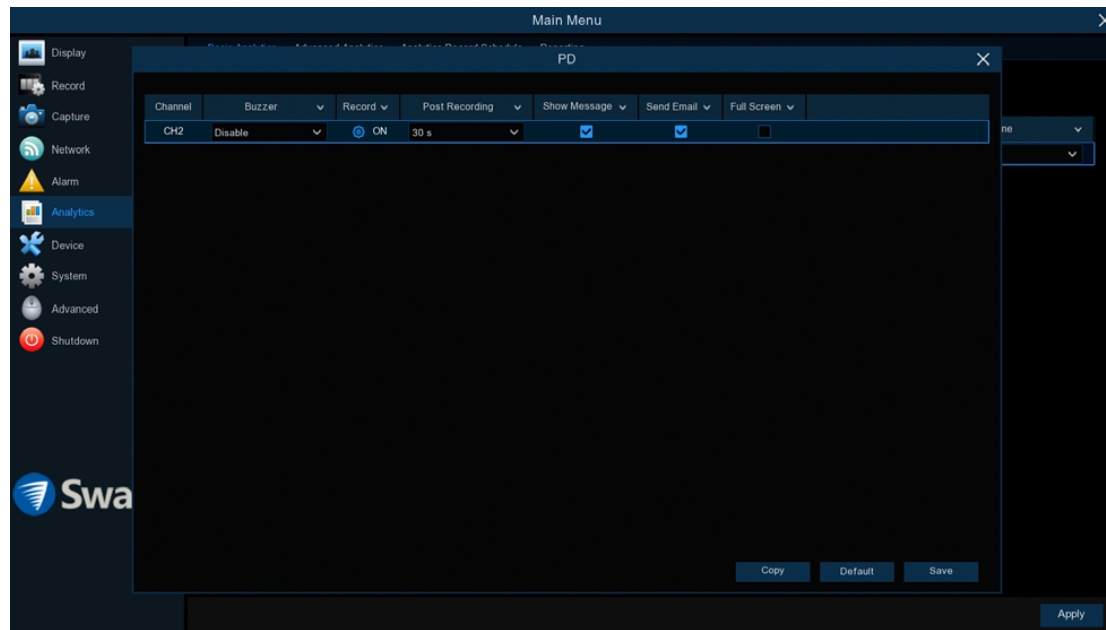
**Remove:** See above right example.

**Remove All:** Click this to remove all pedestrian detection regions.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click "OK" to continue.

Right-click to exit.

# Analytics: PD (Pedestrian Detection) - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

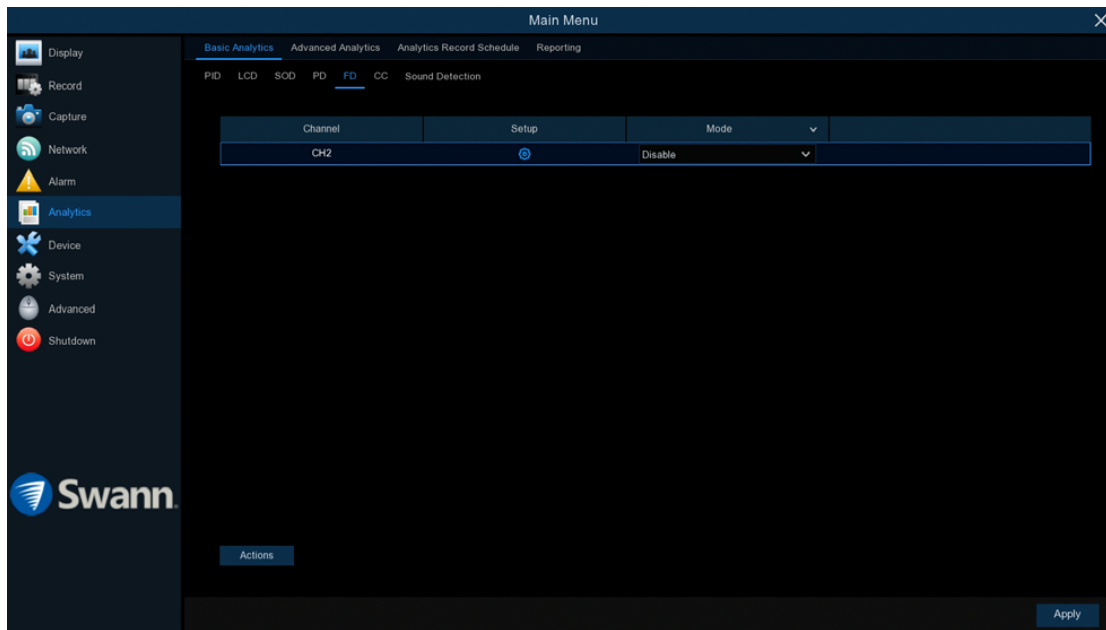
**Show Message:** The motion icon will appear on-screen when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics: FD (Face Detection)



Enabling this function is a great way to improve how you monitor the different areas that you want to keep an eye on. When human faces are detected, your NVR will activate recording, and it will also send an alert. This makes it ideal for restricted places where there shouldn't be people roaming around at particular times. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-885/886 series only.

→ Click "Apply" to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the "Setup" button to draw one or more detection lines (see page 52 - [Drawing a Face Detection Region](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select "FD" to receive alerts when motion has been detected. Select "FD+PIR" to receive alerts when motion has been detected by the camera and the camera's built-in PIR sensor.

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 53 - [Analytics: FD \(Face Detection\) - Actions](#)).



TIP

When motion has been detected by one of the analytic functions, a green or red "S" will appear in Live View Mode. Green indicates that the NVR isn't recording and red indicates that the NVR is recording.

**Please note:** This function can only be used if the PID, LCD and SOD analytic functions are disabled.

# Drawing a Face Detection Region



**To remove a face detection region:** Click the rule number checkbox to select then press the “Remove” button.

**Rule Switch:** Leave this enabled.

Using the mouse, you need to create four points to draw a face detection region (it can be drawn at any size). Your NVR does not allow lines to be crossed when drawing a detection region. Make sure the detection region is greater than or equal to the size of the detected object.

As illustrated above left, click once at the start point then move right and click once to create the second point. Move the mouse down and click once to create the third point then move left and click once to create the fourth point.

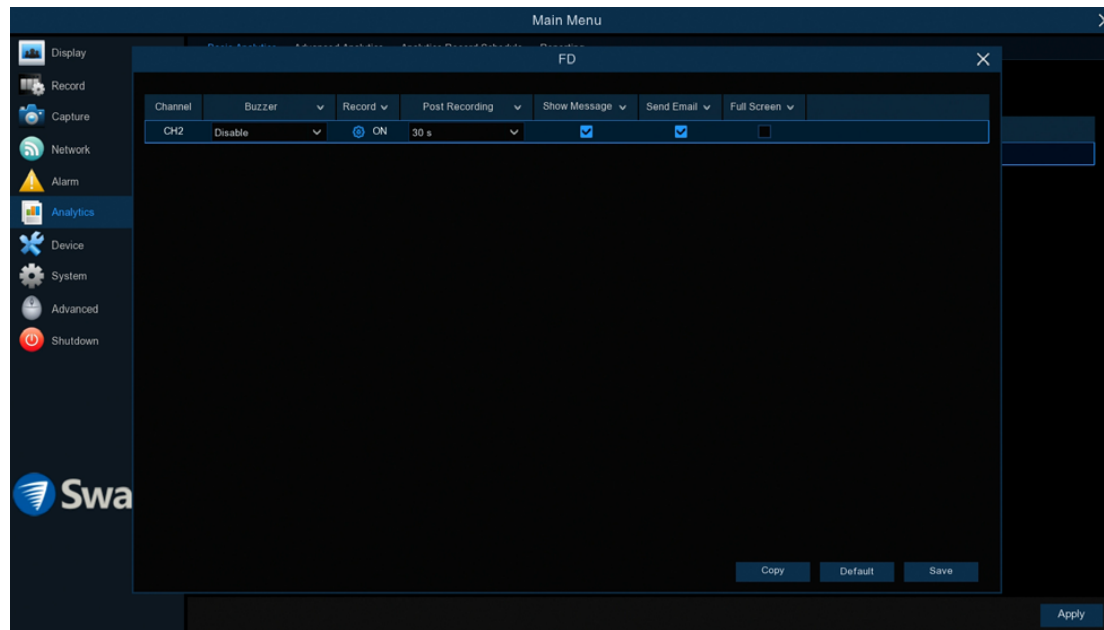
**Remove:** See above right example.

**Remove All:** Click this to remove all face detection regions.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.

Right-click to exit.

# Analytics: FD (Face Detection) - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

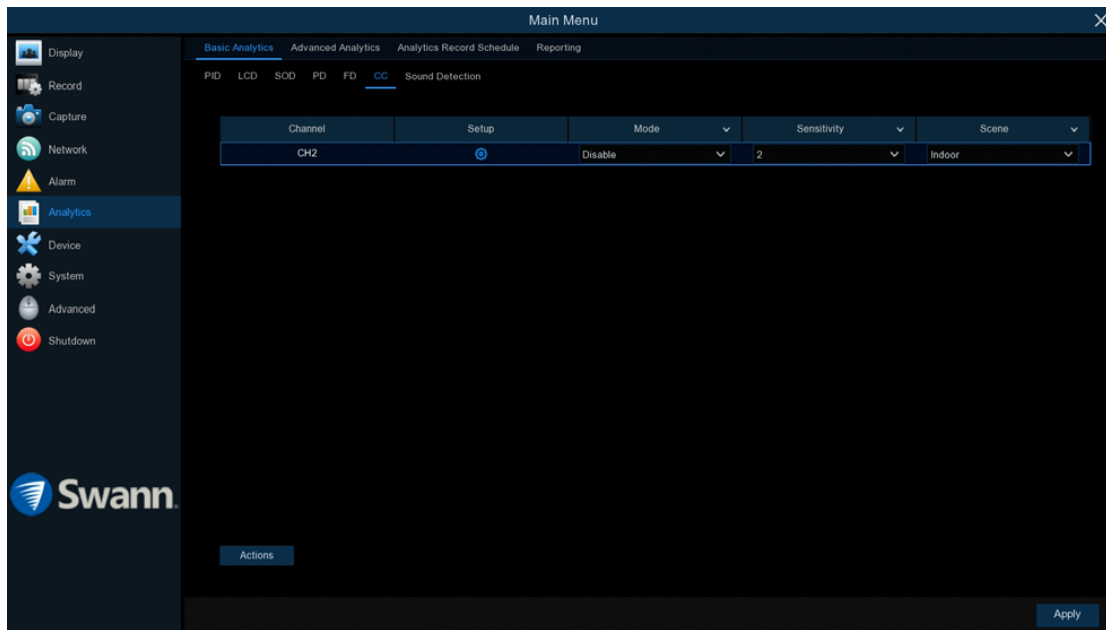
**Show Message:** The motion icon will appear on-screen when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics: CC (Cross Counting)



This function will count the times an object or person has crossed a counting line from both directions. It will display this in Live View mode for the camera that has been enabled. This is especially useful for businesses to count customers entering and exiting the premises. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-885/886 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to draw one or more detection lines (see page 55 - [Drawing a Counting Line](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “CC” to receive alerts when motion has been detected. Select “CC+PIR” to receive alerts when motion has been detected by the camera and the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.

**Sensitivity:** Adjust the sensitivity level of the counting line. The higher the number, the more sensitive the detection will be.

**Scene:** Select the appropriate setting for where the camera is located.

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 56 - [Analytics: CC \(Cross Counting\) - Actions](#)).



TIP

When motion has been detected by one of the analytic functions, a green or red “S” will appear in Live View Mode. Green indicates that the NVR isn’t recording and red indicates that the NVR is recording.

**Please note:** This function can only be used if the PID, LCD and SOD analytic functions are disabled.

# Drawing a Counting Line



**To remove a counting line:** Click the rule number checkbox to select then press the “Remove” button.

**Rule Switch:** Leave this enabled.

**Rule Type:** Select the appropriate rule for the line drawn. The two rules available will change the in/out counting direction.

Using the mouse, click once at the start point then click again at the end point. A counting line will be drawn between the two points. Direction A and direction B will be shown, denoting the rule that you can apply to the counting line. A counting line can be drawn at any orientation, length or angle.

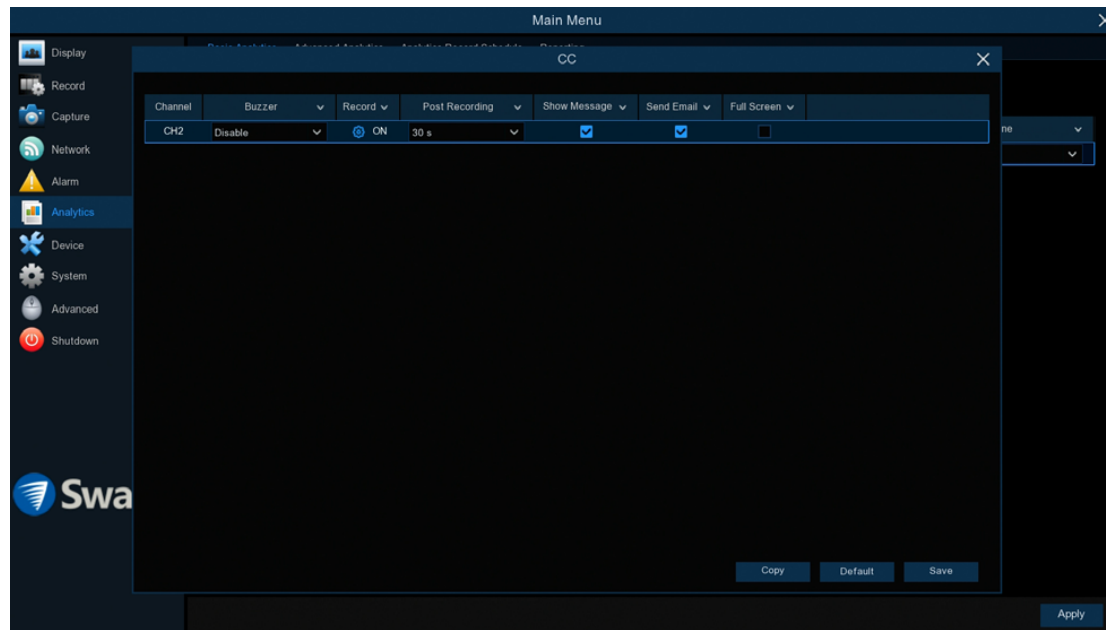
As illustrated above left, a counting line has been drawn across the shop entrance. The In counter will increase when a person has entered and the Out counter will increase when they leave.

**Remove:** See above right example.

**Remove All:** Click this to remove all detection lines.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.  
Right-click to exit.

# Analytics: CC (Cross Counting) - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

**Show Message:** The motion icon will appear on-screen when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

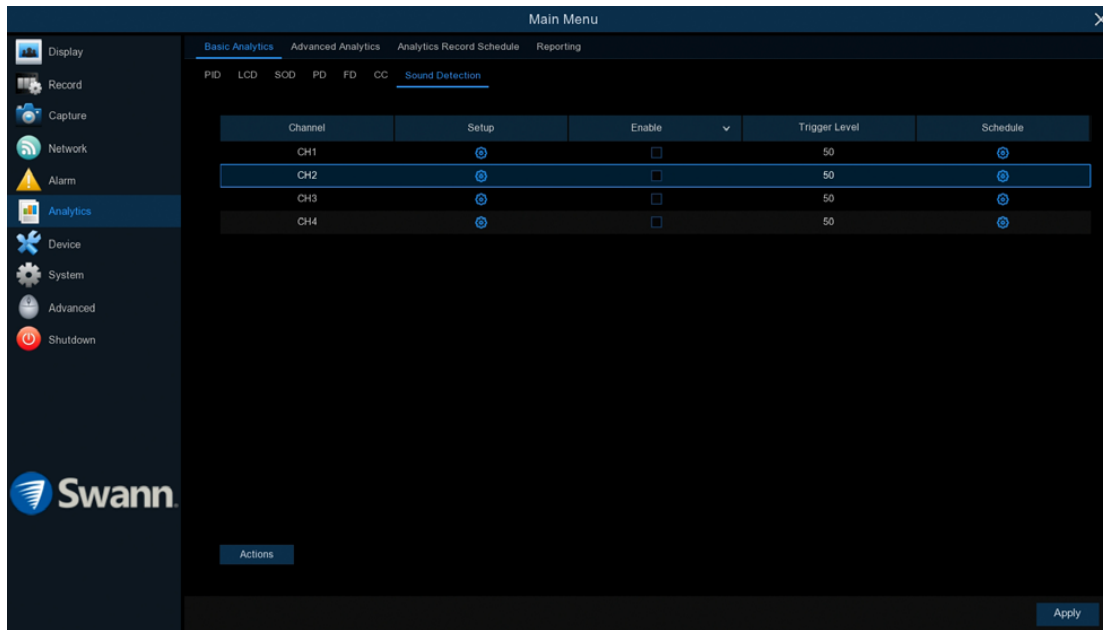
**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.



# Analytics: Sound Detection



As many security incidents are preceded or initiated by some kind of noise, this function will alert you when your NVR detects audio that matches or exceeds the set trigger level.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to change the trigger level (see page 58 - [Changing the Audio Trigger Level](#)).

**Enable:** Click the checkbox to enable sound detection.

**Schedule:** Click the button to change the default sound detection schedule (see page 59 - [Sound Detection Schedule](#)).

**Actions:** Click the button to change options for alarm notifications, alerts and more (see page 60 - [Analytics: Sound Detection - Actions](#)).

# Changing the Audio Trigger Level



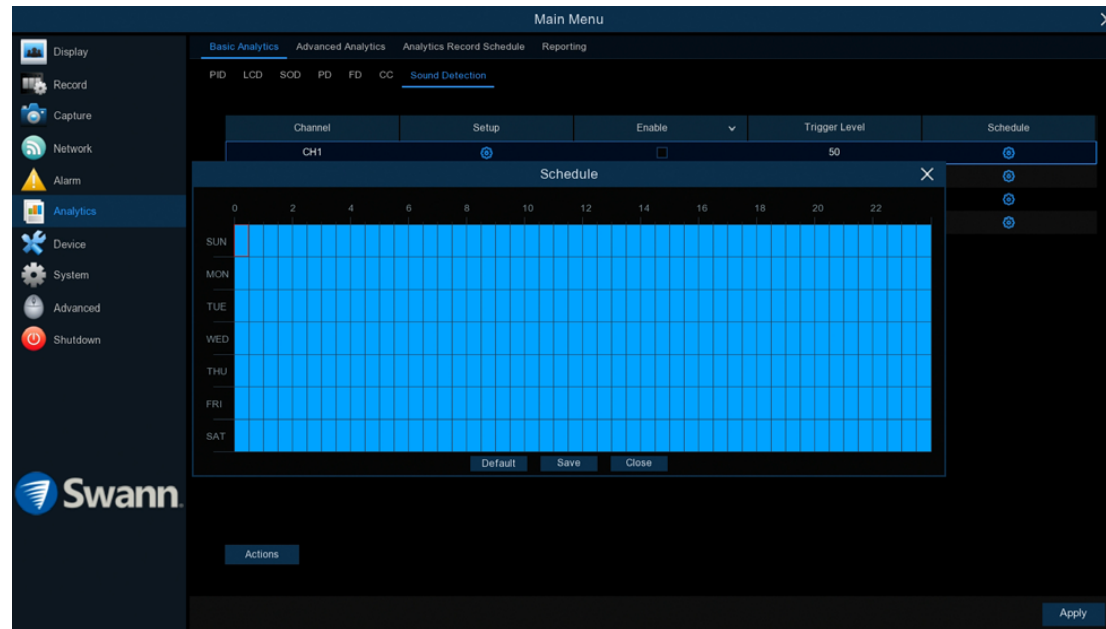
**Trigger Level:** Click and hold the slider left or right to set the desired trigger level. For example, if you set the trigger level to 20, any audio detected that matches or exceeds this level, an event will occur and an alert will be sent.

**Live Level:** This gives you a real-time reading of the audio that your NVR detects using the camera's built-in microphone.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click "OK" to continue.

Right-click to exit.

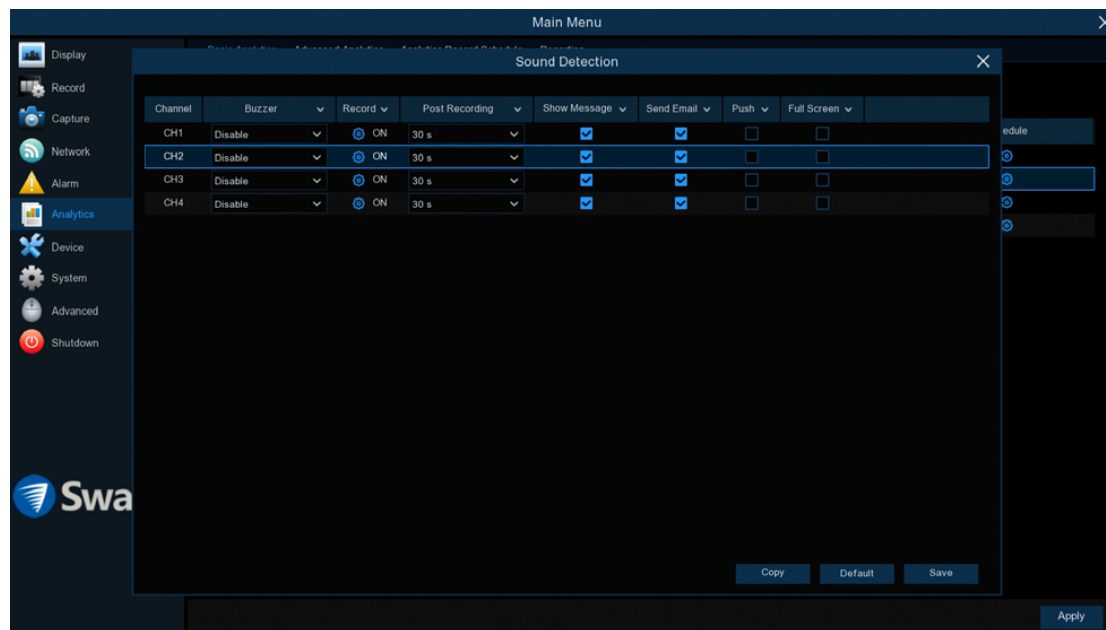
# Sound Detection Schedule



Each square represents 30 minutes. Using the mouse, click on a particular square to change or click and drag the mouse over the squares corresponding to your desired time period. The same action can also be applied if a sound detection schedule is not required (on one or more sections that have been enabled).

Click "Save" to save changes made. Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Analytics: Sound Detection - Actions



**Buzzer:** When motion has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Record (Record Channel):** This option instructs your NVR to trigger additional cameras to start recording when motion has been detected.

**Post Recording:** This option instructs your NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred. For most instances, the default selection will be suitable, however you can change this if you wish.

**Show Message:** The motion icon will appear on-screen when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

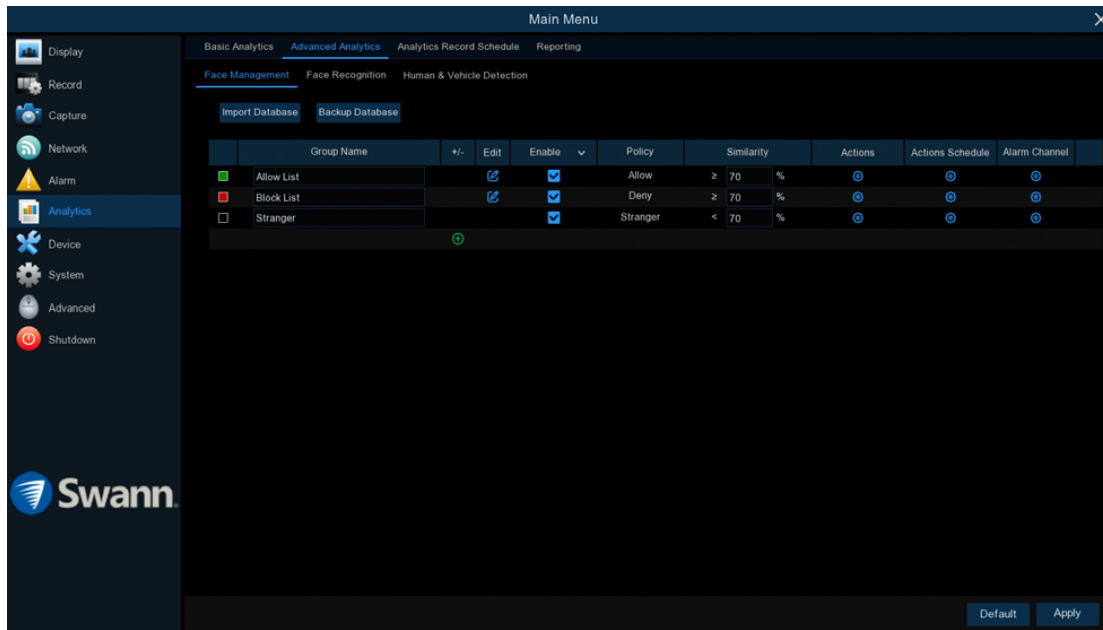
**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Push:** Click the checkbox to receive push notifications via the Swann Security app (a push notification is a message that pops up on your mobile device).

**Full Screen:** Click the checkbox to view the camera full-screen in Live View mode when motion has been detected.

Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Advanced Analytics: Face Management



Use the Face Management function to create and manage face profiles in the Allow List and Block List groups, configure face matching similarity threshold, and customize group actions that will be taken when Face Recognition events are detected in the areas being monitored. Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-887 series only.

- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Import Database:** Restore the backup of the Allow List & Block List settings and face profiles from a USB flash drive. Please note, this will overwrite the existing settings and face profiles.

**Backup Database:** Save the Allow List & Block List settings (Enable, Similarity, Actions, etc.) and face profiles to a USB flash drive.

**Group Name:** The name of the group. By default, there are three preset groups - Allow List, Block List, and Stranger. Unrecognized faces will initially be classified as Strangers. You can change the default group name by clicking in the field and typing a new name.

**+/-:** Click the icon to add a custom face group.

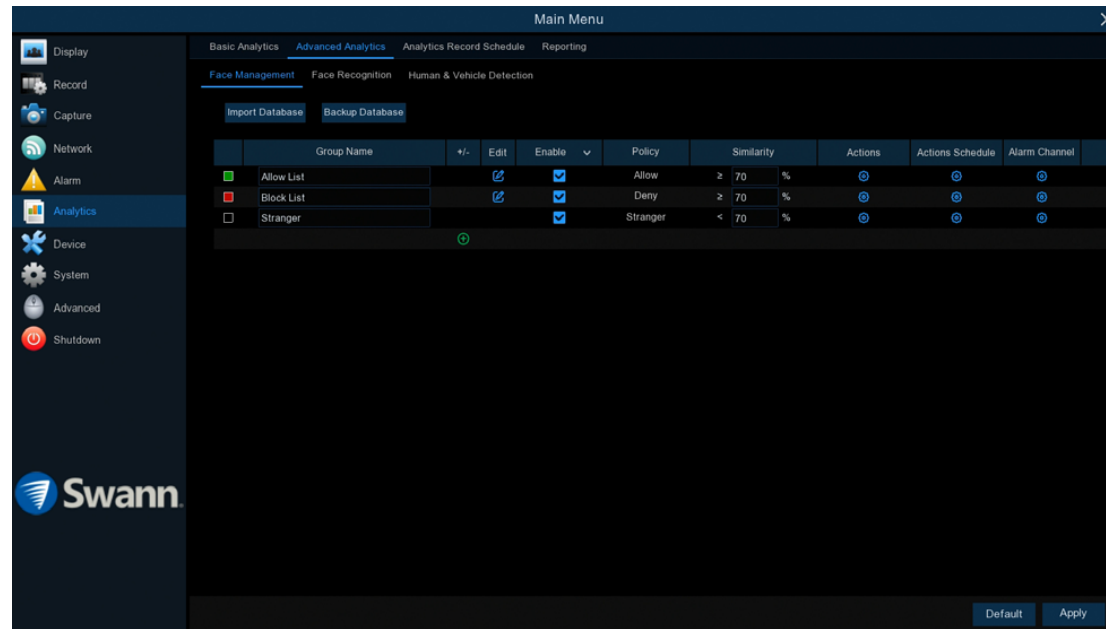
**Edit:** Click the icon to manage the Allow List & Block List face profiles. You can search for faces in the database and create face profiles for people as well as add multiple face images to existing profiles to improve face recognition accuracy. (see page 67 - [Creating Face Profiles](#)).

**Enable:** If the checkbox isn't enabled, no actions specified for the group such as alarm notifications, will be performed by your NVR.

**Policy:** This setting is non-configurable for the three preset face groups. If a custom group has been created, you can set the policy of your custom group to one of the following - Allow, Deny or Advance.

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# Advanced Analytics: Face Management



**Similarity:** Set how closely, in percentage terms, the detected face must match a face profile in the group to be considered a recognized match. The default threshold is 70%. Higher similarity % will result in fewer false recognition results.

**Actions:** Click the button to specify the group actions to be taken by your NVR when a facial recognition event has occurred. You have options to save images of the detected face, enable event notifications, and more (see page 63 - [Advanced Analytics: Face Management - Actions](#)).

**Actions Schedule:** Click the button to edit the schedule of when actions specified for the group will take effect.

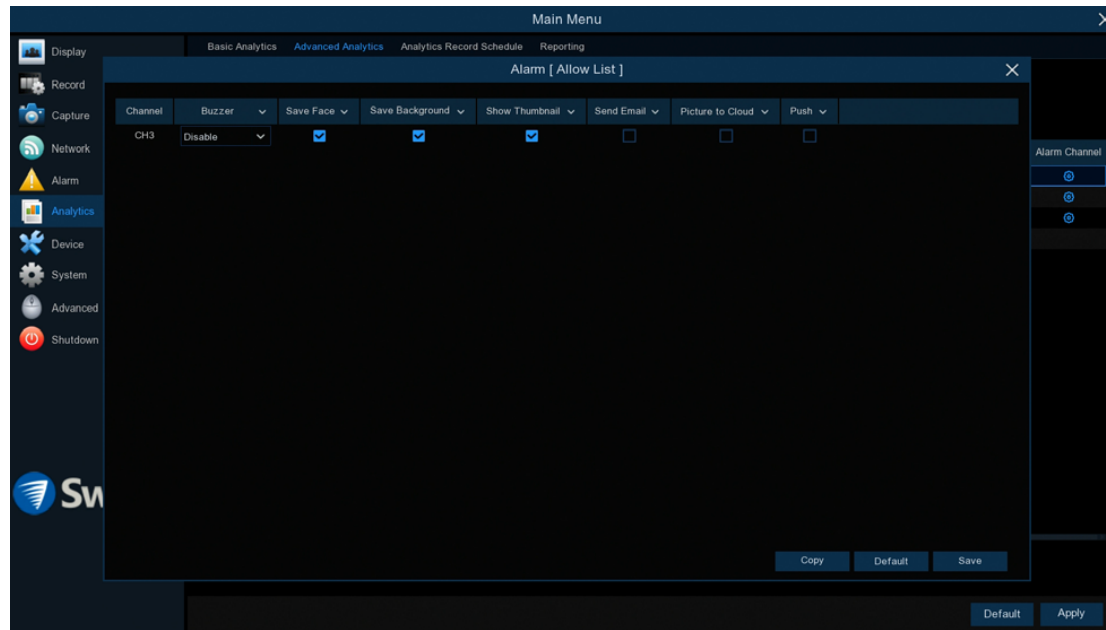


TIP

Make sure the “Enable” checkbox for the “Stranger” group remains ticked. This allows your NVR to save the images of every single face

detected, including those that do not match any existing face profiles in the database. You can use these face images later to create or improve face profiles in the Allow List & Block List groups.

# Advanced Analytics: Face Management - Actions



**Buzzer:** When a facial recognition event has been detected, you can enable the NVR's buzzer to alert you for a predetermined amount of time. Click the drop down menu to select a time.

**Save Face:** Whether the snapshot of the recognized face will be saved to the face database on your NVR. Leave this option enabled so more facial images can be added to profiles later to improve face recognition accuracy.

**Save Background:** Whether the snapshot of the background will be saved together with the face image. Leave this option enabled so that when performing an advanced face search (Search > Advanced), you can right-click the face image and select "Detail Information" to view a snapshot of the background.

**Show Thumbnail:** Whether to generate a facial recognition event notification that includes a snapshot of the recognized face via the Analytics Notifica-

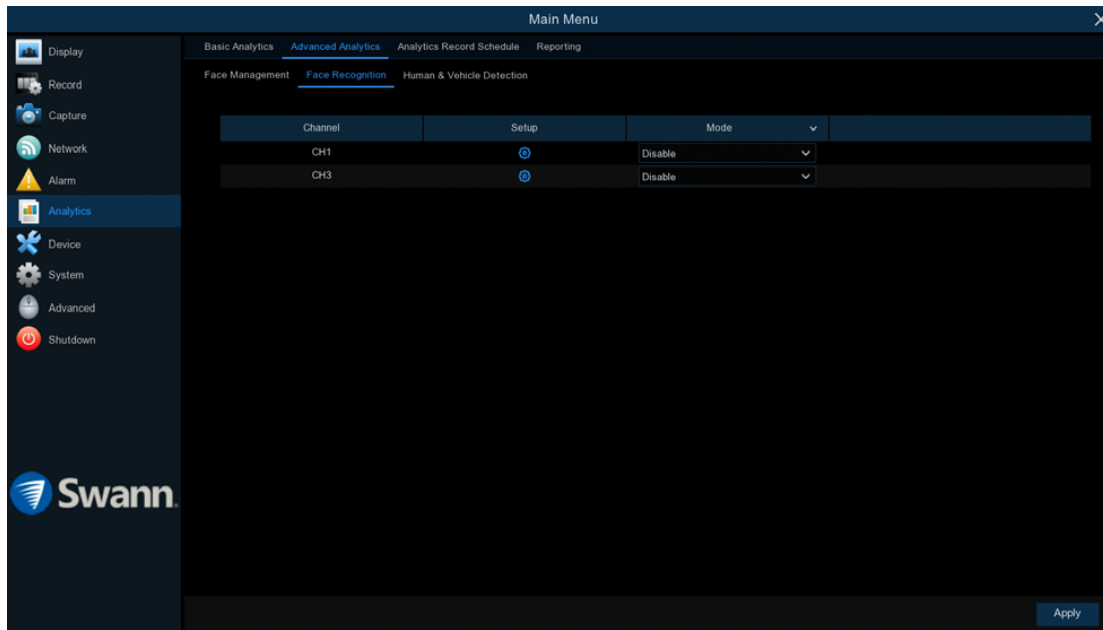
tion Panel in Live View mode. Disabling this option will stop facial recognition events from appearing in the Analytics Notification Panel.

**Send Email:** An email alert will be sent when motion has been detected. Click the checkbox if you want to disable this.

**Picture to Cloud:** Click the checkbox to copy snapshots to the cloud via Dropbox (see page 107 - [Device: Cloud Storage](#)).

**Push:** Click the checkbox to receive push notifications via the Swann Security app (a push notification is a message that pops up on your mobile device). Click the "Save" button then click "OK". Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Advanced Analytics: Face Recognition



Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-887 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to change the default video analytic settings such as the minimum pixel size for facial recognition and the detection area (see page 65 - [Face Recognition Settings](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “FR” to enable facial recognition and to record an event whenever the camera detects a face in the designated detection area. Select “FR+PIR” to enable facial recognition and to record an event whenever the camera detects a face in the designated detection area, as well as detecting movement with the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.



TIP

When facial recognition is enabled on the camera, Human & Vehicle Detection will be disabled, and vice-versa. It’s not possible to activate both functions on the camera at the same time.

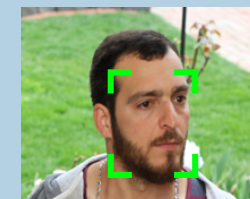


# Face Recognition Settings



The green outlined box with a yellow square represents the [Min Pixel](#) value specified. This means a face in the detection area must be at least the size of this box (relative to the view) to trigger an event. Click and drag the yellow square to adjust the size of the box and its value. Click anywhere within the box and drag the viewing area to measure and check face sizes.

When the camera recognizes a face, a green tracking frame surrounding the face appears. These green tracking frames can be seen in Live View Mode (Mainstream only) and FR event playback.



**Snap Mode:** Select how snapshots containing a recognized face will be captured. This can affect the number of facial recognition notifications that you will receive:

**Realtime Mode:** The camera tracks and captures the face of someone entering and leaving the facial detection area. You'll get two notifications in the Analytics Notification Panel - once when the face is first detected and again as the face leaves the facial detection area. This is useful if you want to continuously monitor someone's presence in an area and get alerts in real-time.

**Optimal Mode:** A single, best snapshot of the face is captured.

**Interval Mode:** You can specify the number of snapshots to take and the time interval between snapshots.

**Apply Mode:** There are two options available:

**Frontal View:** The facial recognition engine is optimized to scan for faces approaching the camera straight-on.

**Multi Angle:** The facial recognition engine is optimized to scan for faces approaching the camera from different angles.

**Min Pixel:** The minimum face size in pixels. The smaller the number of pixels, the more faces the camera can recognize. The default value is 64. If the camera is recognizing too many unwanted distant faces, try increasing the minimum pixel value to train the camera to look for larger faces that are typically at a closer distance.

**Detection Mode:** In Static Mode, all objects in the camera's field of view will be analyzed. In Motion Mode, only moving objects will be analyzed.

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# Face Recognition Settings



**Rule Kind:** Leave the default selection.

**Detection Range:** The entire view of the camera is enabled for facial recognition detection. Select Customize to change the default detection area (see above right for instructions).

**Visible Area:** Leave the default selection. If Disable is selected, the green tracking frame that surrounds a detected face will not be visible during Live View mode and FR event playback.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.

Right-click to exit.

## Customizing the Detection Range

**1. Detection Range:** Select Customize in the drop down menu.

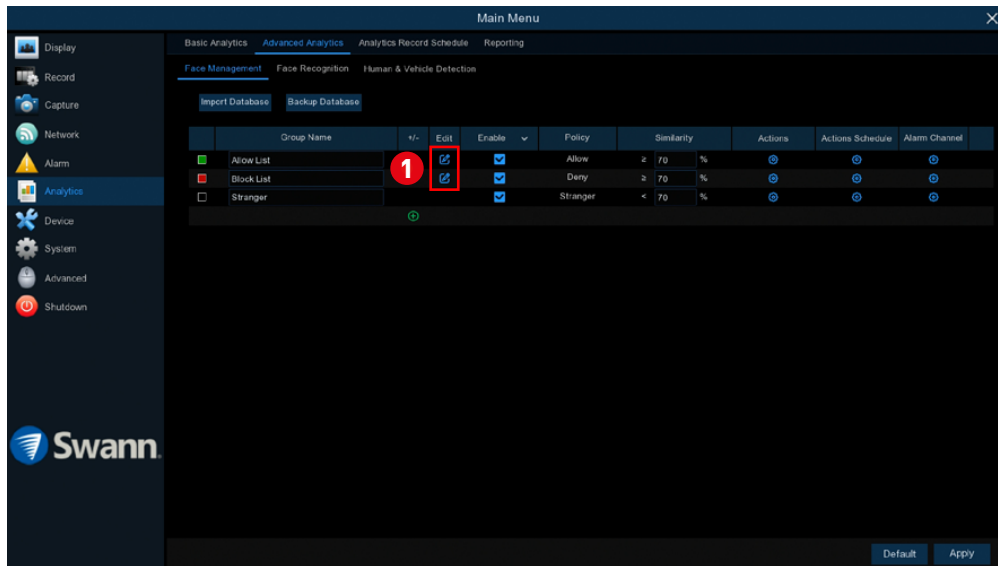
**2.** Click and drag any red square (sizing handle) in the corners of the rectangle to shape and customize the facial detection area. You can resize the rectangle to any shape or size to exclude the area in which facial recognition isn't needed. See below for an example.



**3.** When finished, click the “Save” button.

Right-click to exit.

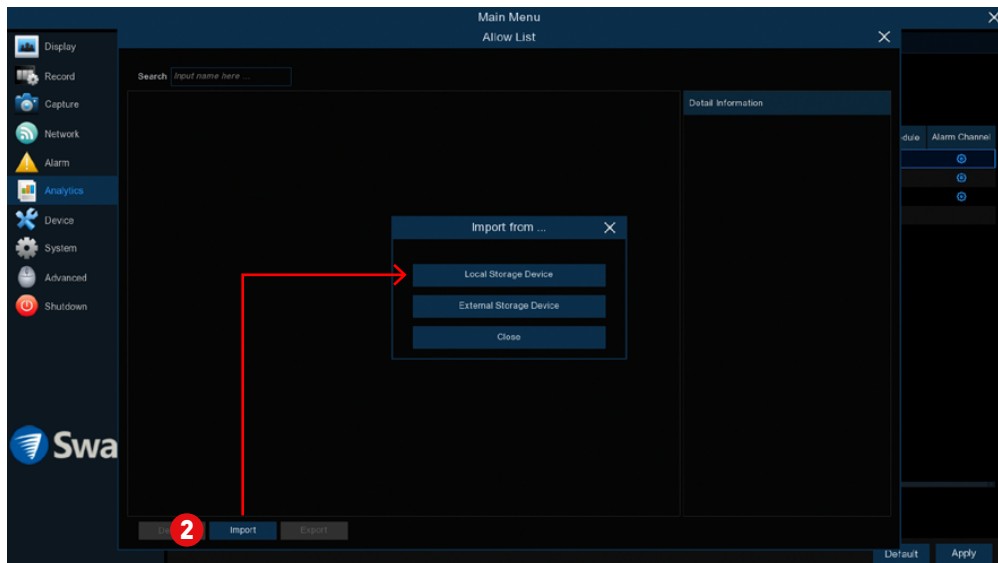
# Creating Face Profiles



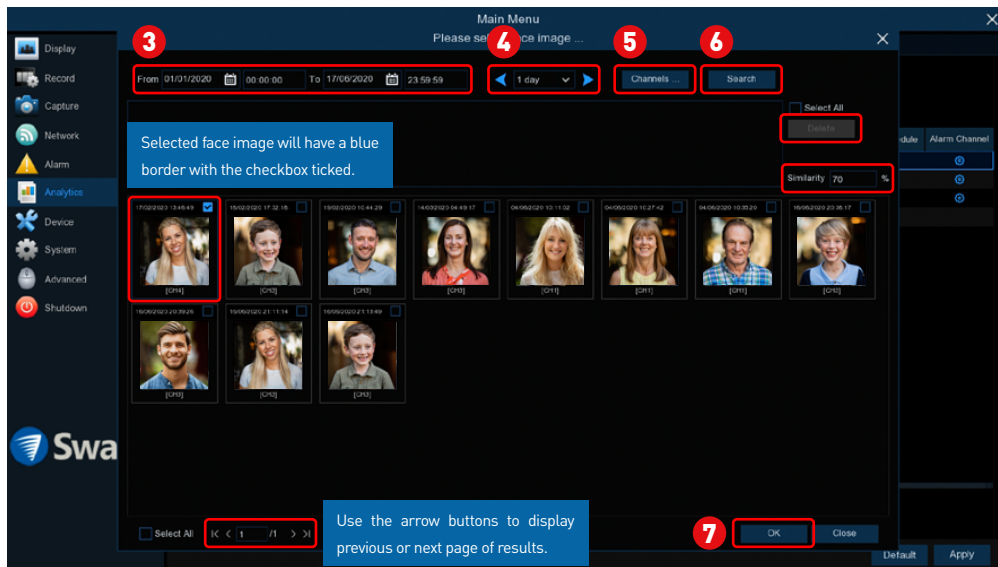
1. Click the “Edit” button of the Allow List or Block List group that you would like to create face profiles for.

2. From the Group window, click the “Import” button then click the “Local Storage Device” button to browse the database of face images that have been captured and stored on your NVR. If necessary, you can also browse face images that were previously exported to an external storage device by clicking “External Storage Device”.

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# Creating Face Profiles



3. Use the calendar to specify the date range.

4. Use the arrow buttons to quickly display face images from the previous or next day.

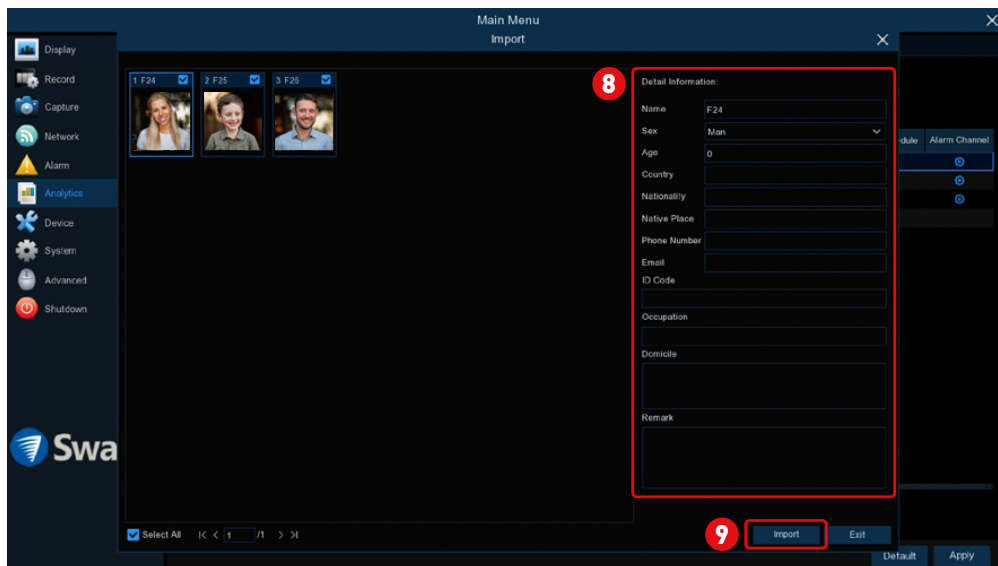
5. Channels: Select from one or all cameras that you would like to search on.

6. Search: Click this to perform a search based on the criteria specified.

**Delete:** Delete selected face image when performing a search based on similarity percentage (%).

**Similarity:** Face similarity threshold (%). If you have selected a face image, you can click the “Search” button to search for faces with a similarity greater than that specified here.

7. Once you’ve selected one or more face images, click the “OK” button.

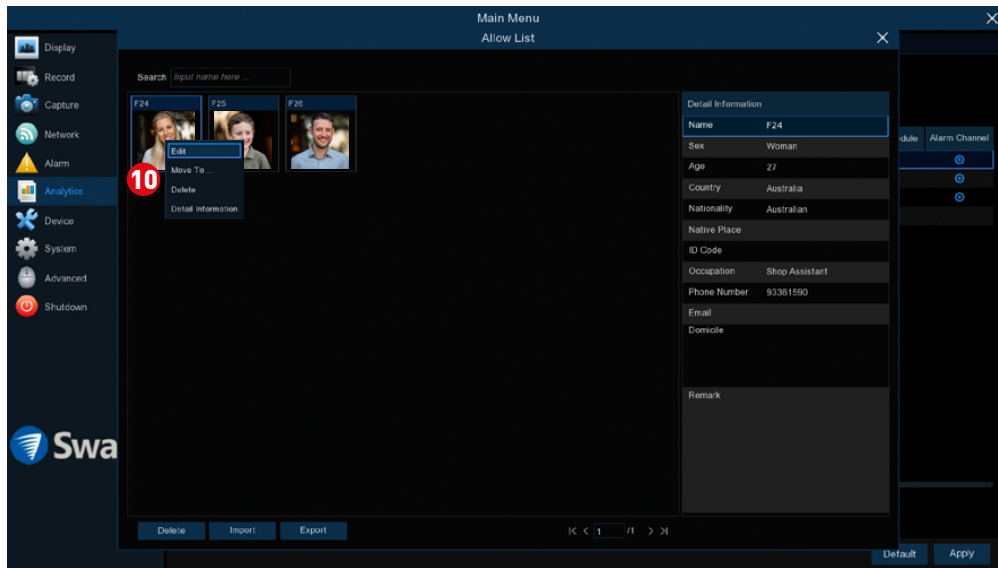


8. Select a face image then enter their personal identification details such as the person’s name and age. By default, each face image is given a face ID as its name.

9. When finished, click this button. The face profile is now created and assigned to the group.

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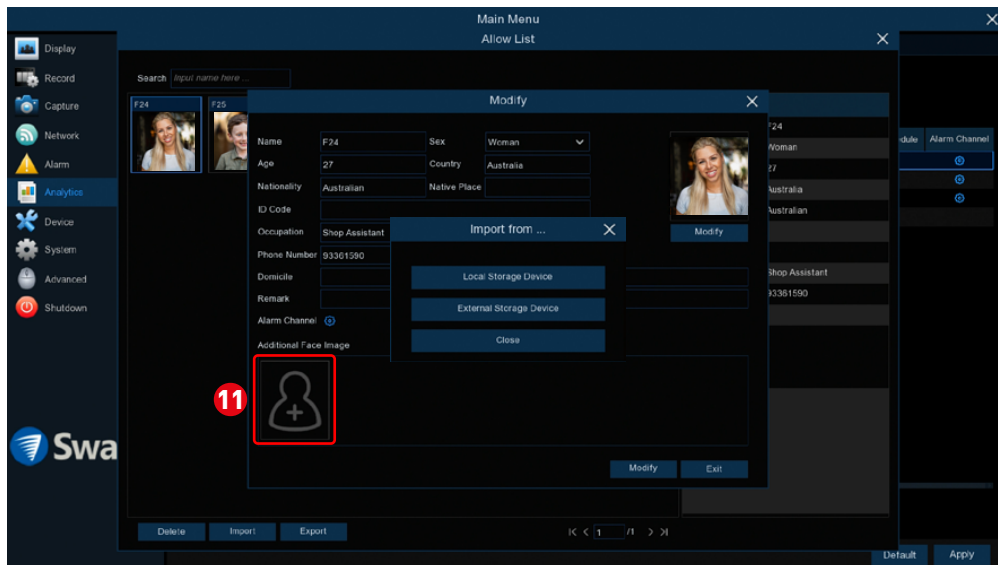
# Creating Face Profiles



You can add multiple face images to each face profile. This trains the facial recognition engine to detect the person from various angles and different facial expressions.

In Face Management, click the “Edit” button for the group that you want to edit. Face images assigned to the group will be displayed.

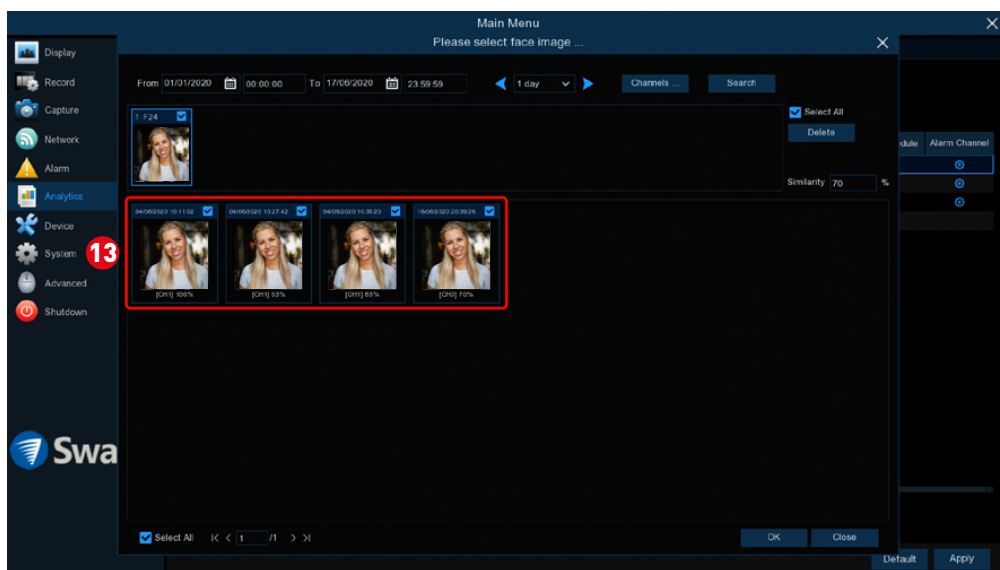
**10.** Right-click an image then click “Edit”.



**11.** Click the + icon then click the “Local Storage Device” button to browse the database of face images that have been captured and stored on your NVR.

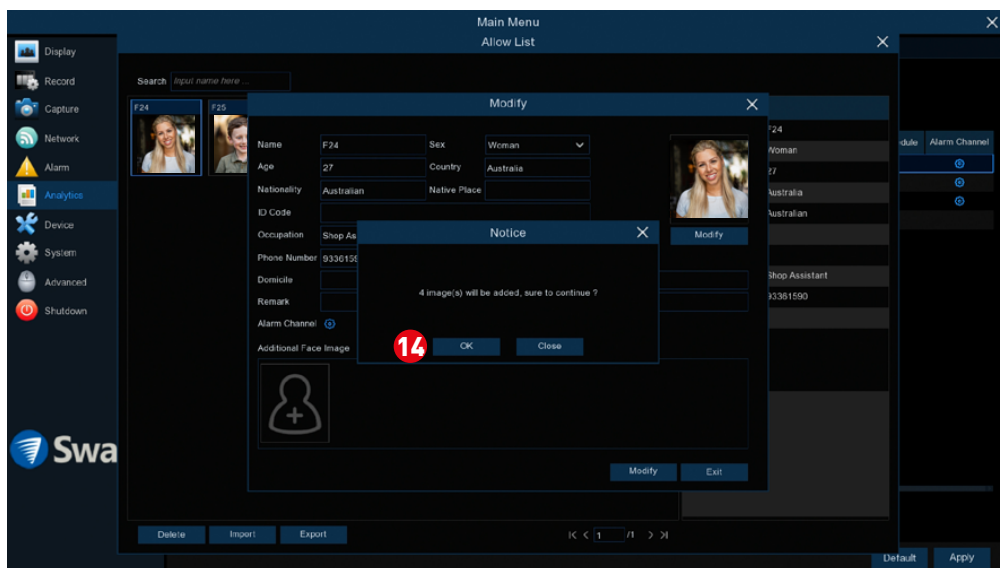
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# Creating Face Profiles



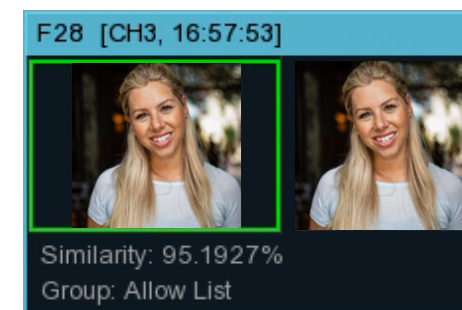
12. Commence another search as per steps 3 to 6. To display more results, change the date range and similarity threshold (%).

13. Click the checkbox of each image that you want to add, then click the "OK" button.

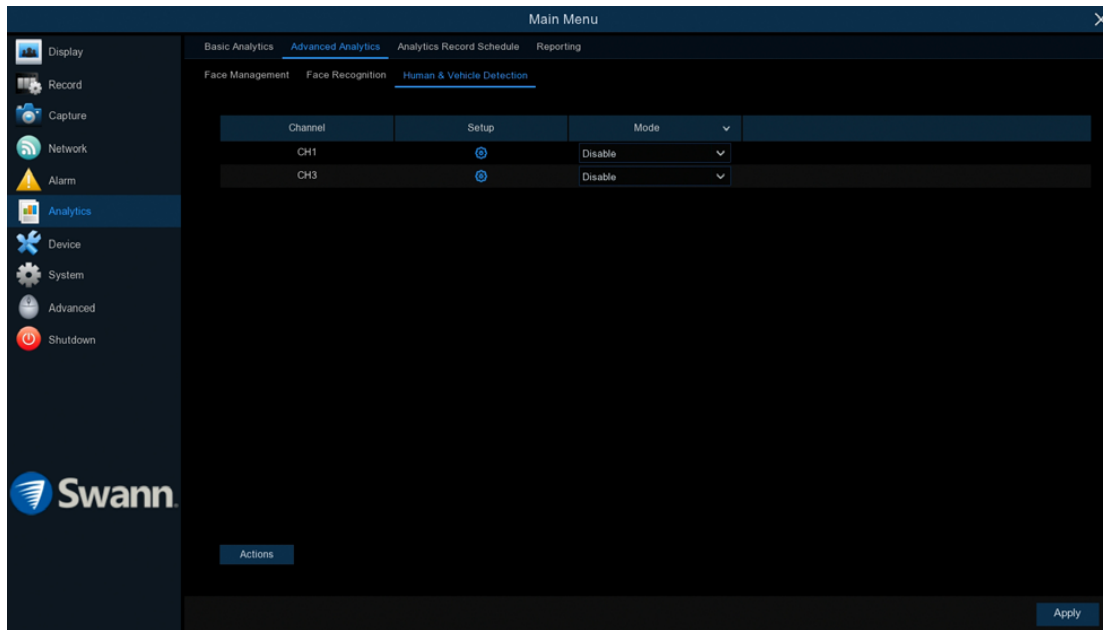


14. Click the "OK" button to confirm the number of images that will be added. Click the "Exit" button then right-click to close.

Your NVR will alert you via the Analytics Notification Panel when a facial recognition event has occurred. Each notification will contain the snapshot of the matching face with a green border. Double-click the notification to play the facial recognition event.



# Advanced Analytics: Human & Vehicle Detection



Please note, this function is compatible with the NHD-887 series only.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Setup:** Click the “Setup” button to change the default video analytic settings such as the minimum pixel size for human & vehicle detection and the detection area (see page 72 - [Human & Vehicle Detection Settings](#)).

**Mode:** Two choices are available. Select “HD&VD” to enable human & vehicle detection and to record an event whenever the camera detects a human and/or a vehicle in the designated detection area. Select “HD&VD+PIR” to enable human & vehicle detection and to record an event whenever the camera detects a human and/or a vehicle in the designated detection area, as well as detecting movement with the camera’s built-in PIR sensor.



TIP

When human & vehicle detection is enabled on the camera, facial recognition will be disabled, and vice-versa. It’s not possible to activate both functions on the camera at the same time.

# Human & Vehicle Detection Settings



The green outlined box with a yellow square represents the [Min Pixel](#) value specified. This means an object in the detection area must be at least the size of this box (relative to the view) to trigger an event. Click and drag the yellow square to adjust the size of the box and its value. Click anywhere within the box and drag the viewing area to measure and check object sizes.

When the camera recognizes an object, a green tracking frame surrounding the object appears. These green tracking frames can be seen in Live View Mode (Mainstream only) and HD&VD event playback.



**Snap Mode:** Select how snapshots containing a human and/or a vehicle will be captured. This can affect the number of object recognition notifications that you will receive:

**Realtime Mode:** The camera tracks and captures a human and/or a vehicle entering and leaving the detection area. You'll be notified in the Analytics Notification Panel in real-time.

**Interval Mode:** You can specify the number of snapshots to take and the time interval between snapshots.

**Min Pixel:** The minimum human and/or vehicle size in pixels. The smaller the number of pixels, the more objects the camera can recognize. The default value is 64. If the camera is recognizing too many unwanted objects, try increasing the minimum pixel value to train the camera to look for objects that

are typically at a closer distance.

**Sensitivity:** Adjust the sensitivity level of the detection area. The higher the number, the more sensitive it will be when detecting objects.

**Detection Type:** By default, a human and/or a vehicle will be detected. If you want to detect humans only, uncheck Vehicle and vice versa.

**Detection Mode:** In Static Mode, all objects in the camera's field of view will be analyzed. In Motion Mode, only moving objects will be analyzed.

**Detection Range:** The entire view of the camera is enabled for human and/or vehicle detection. Select Customize to change the default detection area (see next page for instructions).

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# Human & Vehicle Detection Settings



**Visible Area:** Leave the default selection. If Disable is selected, the green tracking frame that surrounds an object will not be visible during Live View mode and HD&VD event playback.

**Save:** Click this to save any changes made then click “OK” to continue.

Right-click to exit.

## Customizing the Detection Range

**1. Detection Range:** Select Customize in the drop down menu.

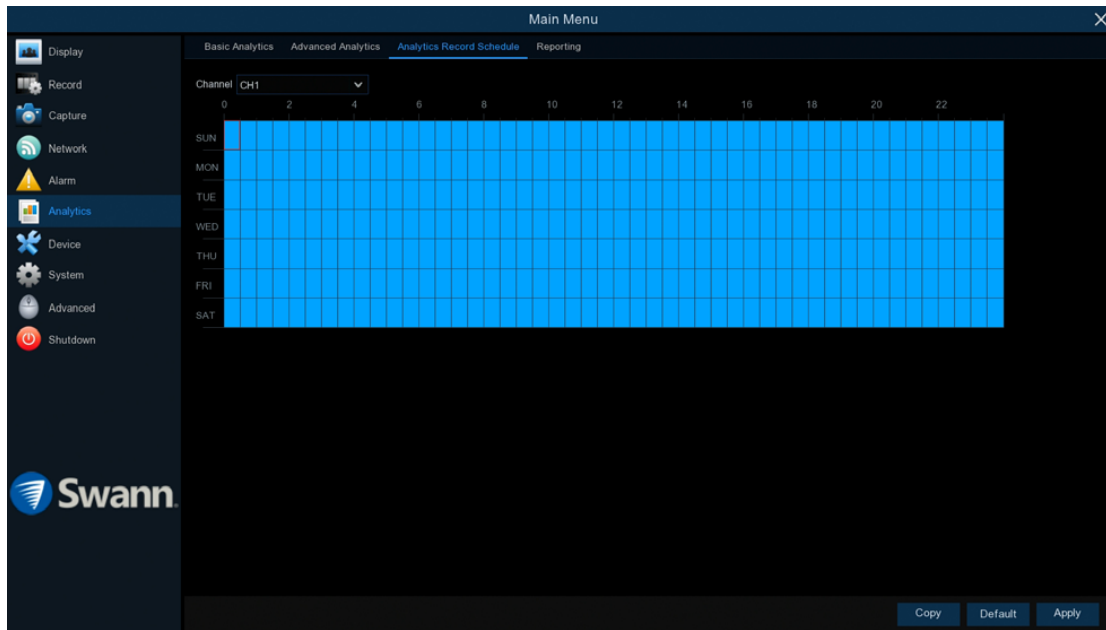
**2.** Click and drag any red square (sizing handle) in the corners of the rectangle to shape and customize the object detection area. You can resize the rectangle to any shape or size to exclude the area in which human and/or vehicle detection isn't needed. See below for an example.



**3.** When finished, click the “Save” button.

Right-click to exit.

# Analytics Record Schedule



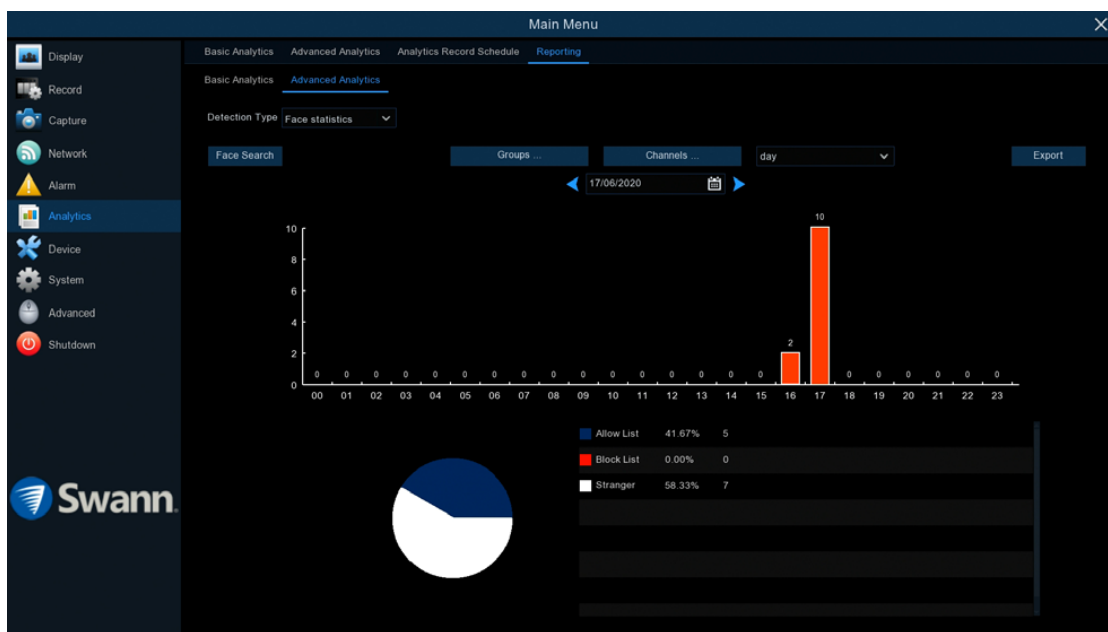
To record events that are detected using the basic and advanced analytics, an analytics recording schedule must be created for cameras that have the basic and advanced analytics enabled. Each camera can have a different recording schedule if needed.

- Use the “Copy” function to apply all settings to the other cameras connected.
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

Each square represents 30 minutes. Using the mouse, click on a particular square to change or click and drag the mouse over the squares corresponding to your desired time period. The same action can also be applied if a recording schedule is not required (on one or more sections that have been enabled).

# Reporting: Advanced Analytics - Face Statistics



Your NVR can retrieve and present statistical data relating to the detection of faces when the Face Recognition video analytic is enabled on the camera. The bar chart displays the number of faces that were detected during a particular time period while the pie chart displays the percentage share and frequency of detected faces belonging to each group.

**Face Search:** Click to display the [Search > Advanced > Face](#) window where you can browse for all occurrences of facial recognition events, compare faces, and playback of recordings.

**Groups:** Select the groups from which the face recognition data is obtained. By default, all groups have been selected.

**Channels:** Select the channels from which the face recognition data is obtained. By default, all channels have been selected.

**Day/Week/Month/Quarter/Year:** Click the drop down menu to select the time period from which the face recognition data is obtained.

**Calendar:** Change the start date of the selected time period.

**Export:** Export the facial recognition data for the selected time period to a

USB flash drive. The file will be saved as a \*.CSV file. You can open the file in Excel (or similar software) to further analyze the data.

# Reporting: Advanced Analytics - Human & Vehicle



Your NVR can retrieve and present statistical data relating to the detection of objects when the Human & Vehicle video analytic is enabled on the camera. The bar chart displays the number of humans and/or vehicles that were detected during a particular time.

**Detection Type:** Click the drop down menu and select “Human & Vehicle”.

**Human & Vehicle Search:** Click to display the [Search > Advanced > Human & Vehicle](#) window where you can browse for all occurrences of human and/or vehicle recognition events, and playback of recordings.

**Analytics:** By default, both human and vehicle statistics are selected. Click the drop down menu to change.

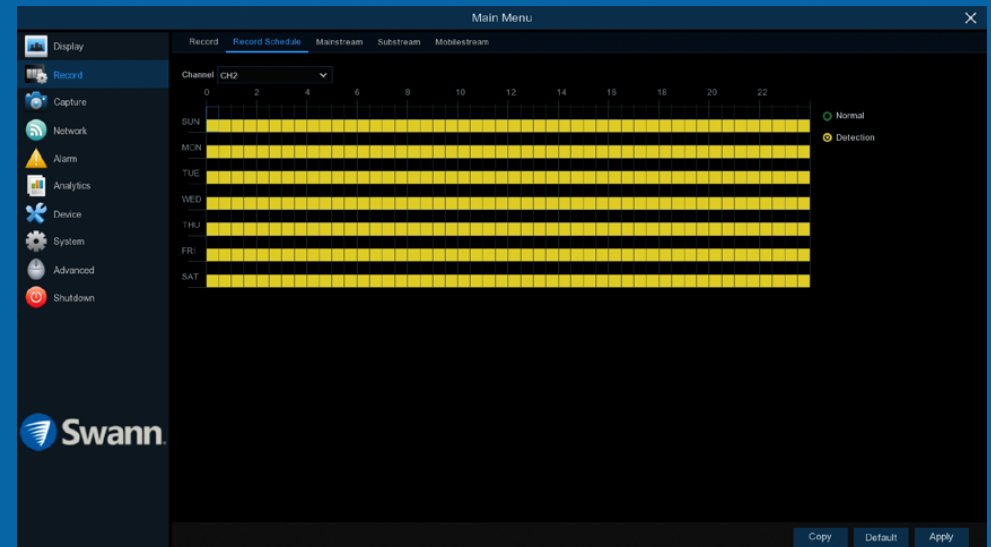
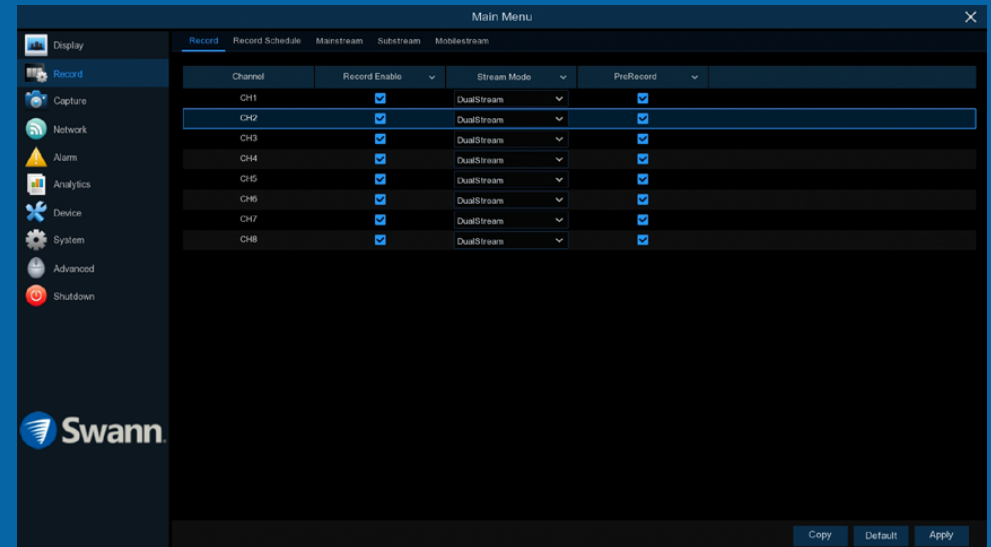
**Channels:** Select the channels from which the object recognition data is obtained. By default, all channels have been selected.

**Day/Week/Month/Quarter/Year:** Click the drop down menu to select the time period from which the object recognition data is obtained.

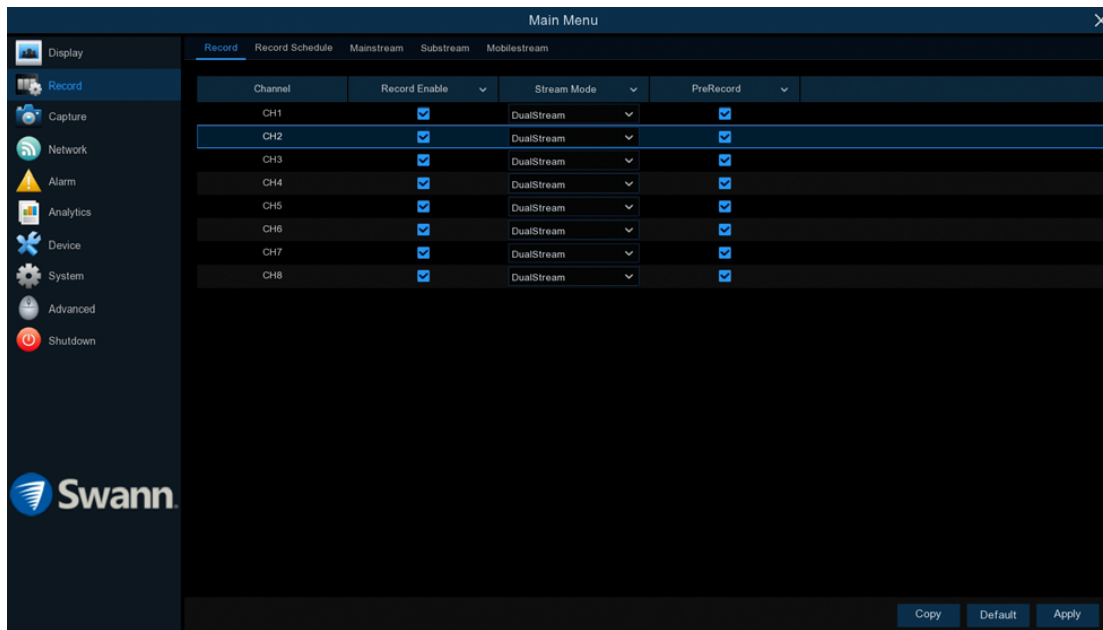
**Calendar:** Change the start date of the selected time period.

## Recording Configuration

The recording configuration options are available in the Record and Capture menus that are accessible from the Main Menu. From here you can access and change the default recording schedule (presented as a 24 hour 7 days a week grid and is color coded) for each camera connected. You can also enable and set a schedule for your NVR to take a snapshot each time an event occurs.



# Record: Record



- Use the “Copy” function to apply all settings to the other cameras connected.
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Record Enable:** When disabled, your NVR will detect motion but it will not record (manual record is also disabled).

**Stream Mode:** By default, your NVR will record both Mainstream and Substream video (known as DualStream). Mainstream (high quality) video is used for playback when using your NVR directly, and Substream (reduced quality) is used for remote playback on your mobile device. If remote playback is not required, you can select Mainstream recording only.

**PreRecord:** Allows your NVR to record for a number of seconds before an event occurs. It's recommended to leave this enabled.

# Record: Schedule



By default, a 24-hour 7 days a week Detection schedule has been enabled for each camera connected. The schedule can be changed to suit your needs and each camera can have a different schedule if needed. The schedule is color coded to represent the event type.

- Use the “Copy” function to apply all settings to the other cameras connected.
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

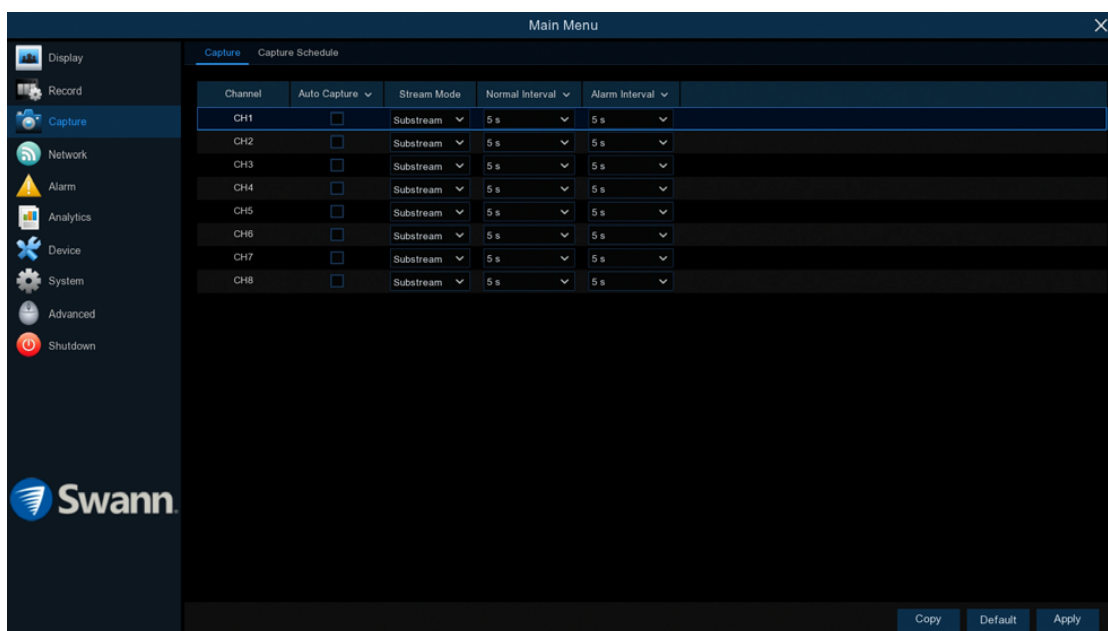
**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**Normal:** Your NVR will constantly record for a set period of time.

**Detection:** Your NVR will only record when motion has been detected from one or more cameras.

Each square represents 30 minutes. Using the mouse, select the desired recording mode then click on a particular square to change or click and drag the mouse over the squares corresponding to your desired time period. The same action can also be applied if Normal or Detection recording is not required (on one or more sections that have recording enabled).

# Capture: Capture



As an added feature, you can enable and set a schedule for your NVR to take a snapshot each time an event occurs. This is particularly useful for finding motion events quickly and can also be used for different purposes such as time lapse photography.

- Use the “Copy” function to apply all settings to the other cameras connected.
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

Each camera input on your NVR will be displayed as CH1, CH2, etc.

**Auto Capture:** When enabled, your NVR will take a snapshot each time an event occurs.

**Stream Mode:** Leave the default selection (Mainstream). This allows you to select the camera’s native resolution (Alarm Resolution).

**Normal Interval:** The length of time that must elapse before a snapshot is taken. For example, when setting a Normal capture schedule, a snapshot will be taken every 5 seconds using the default selection. Adjust accordingly.

**Alarm Interval:** When setting a Detection capture schedule, a snapshot will be taken each time motion has been detected according to the interval selected. Adjust accordingly.

**Alarm Resolution:** Leave the default selection (1920 x 1080). This will save each snapshot at the highest resolution available. A lower resolution can be selected.

**Alarm Quality:** Leave the default selection. This will save each snapshot at the camera’s highest bitrate (the amount of data that your NVR will use to take a snapshot).

As this is an added feature, a capture schedule is not enabled by default. To enable this (see page 81 – [Capture: Schedule](#)).



# Capture: Schedule



Like the analytic recording schedule, a capture schedule must be created so your NVR can take snapshots when an event has occurred or if you want to take snapshots using a time interval (every 5 seconds for example).

- Use the “Copy” function to apply all settings to the other cameras connected.
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

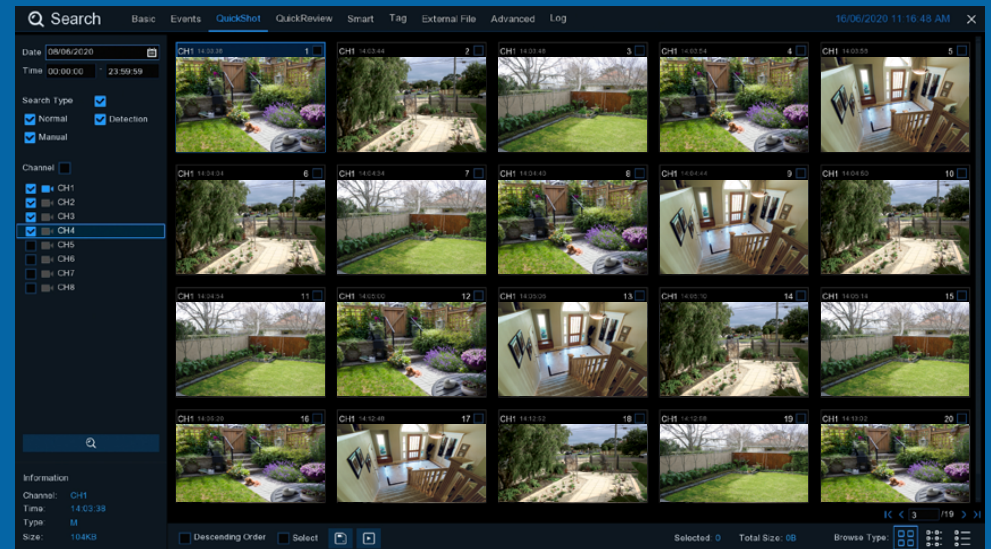
**Normal:** A snapshot will be taken according to the normal interval setting selected (every 5 seconds for example).

**Detection:** A snapshot will be taken each time motion has been detected according to the alarm interval selected.

Each square represents 30 minutes. Using the mouse, select the desired capture mode then click on a particular square to change or click and drag the mouse over the squares corresponding to your desired time period. The same action can also be applied if Normal or Detection capture mode is not required (on one or more sections that have been enabled).

# Event Playback & Backup

The Search function gives you the ability to search for and play previously recorded videos as well as snapshots that are stored on your NVR's hard drive. You have the choice of playing video that matches your recording schedule, manual recordings, analytic events or motion events only. The Backup function gives you the ability to save important events (both video and snapshots) to a USB flash drive.



# Search: Basic

The screenshot shows the 'Search' interface with the following elements:

- 1** Date: 06/06/2020 (calendar icon)
- 2** Search Type: Normal, Detection, PIR, PID, LCD, SOD, PD/HD & VD, FD/FR, CC, Sound, Manual (all checked)
- 3** Stream Type: Mainstream
- 4** Channel: CH1 (selected), CH2, CH3, CH4, CH5, CH6, CH7, CH8 (others have orange lock icons)
- 5** Playback controls: Full screen, Previous, Play/Pause, Stop, Next, Zoom, Volume, Camera, Refresh, Full Screen (Right-click to restore)
- 6** Timeline: Shows recordings for 06/06/2020 with a legend for Normal, Detection, PIR, Analytics, Alarm, Manual.

Channel 1 06/06/2020 12:50:34 PM

The orange lock icon represents cameras that can't be selected for playback.

Click and hold the time above the timeline then drag left or right to the desired time period.

- 1** Click the calendar icon to select a date that you want to search on. A red underline on a date indicates there are recordings on those particular dates.
- 2** This is the event type that you can search for. You can leave all event types enabled if you want to search for all, or you can select specific event types. Adjust accordingly.
- 3** Select either Mainstream or Substream for playback (Mainstream will play video at the camera's native recording resolution).

- 4** Select a camera to display for playback (one camera can be selected for playback only, click "Channel" to select a different camera). A blue camera indicates which cameras match your search criteria.
- 5** Click this to hide the playback interface so you can maximise your viewing area (watch full-screen). Right-click to restore.
- 6** Recordings that match your search criteria will be displayed here.

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# Search: Basic

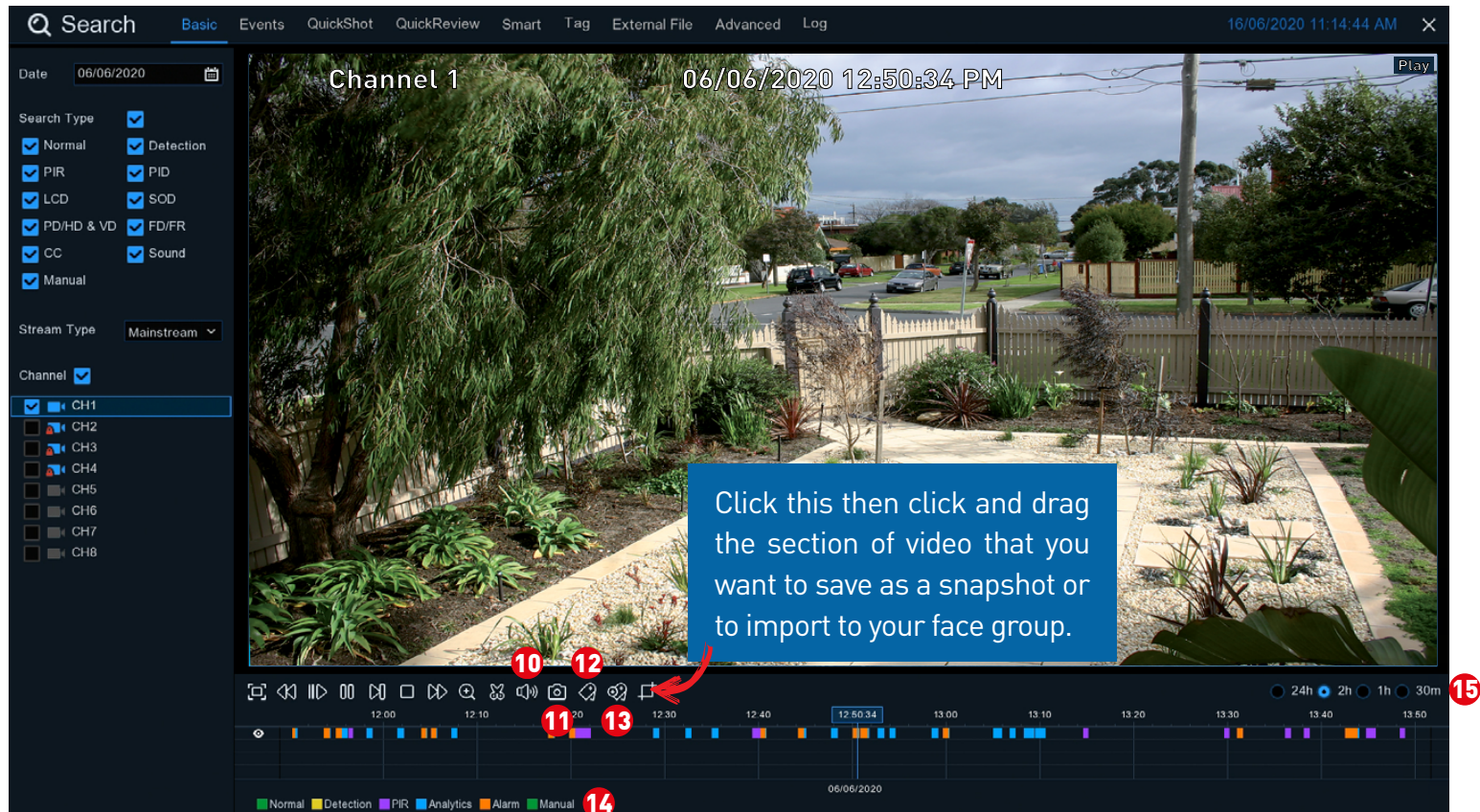


- 7 From left to right, these are your reverse, slow motion, play/pause, frame advance, stop and fast forward controls. Subsequent presses of the reverse, slow motion and fast forward buttons will increase the speed of each action.
- 8 Select a camera, click this button then use the scroll button on the mouse to zoom. Use the picture-in-picture screen to select a different area to view. Right-click to exit.
- 9 This button allows you to edit the video by setting mark in and mark out

points which you can then copy to a USB flash drive. Click on a camera to select it then press this button. You will see two white triangles on the timeline. Move them left or right on the section of video that you want to edit. Click the disk icon (Back-up) to save. For the backup type, leave the default selection (mp4) for wider playback compatibility on your computer. Insert a USB flash drive to your NVR then click "Save". Click "OK" to save then click "Close" when finished.

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# Search: Basic



10 Click this button to mute or unmute the audio.

11 This button allows you to save a snapshot to a USB flash drive. Click on a camera to select it then press this button.

12 Tagging allows you to record information such as a person or object within the video. Click on a camera to select, pause the video when you see a person or object to be tagged then press this button (multiple tags can be created).

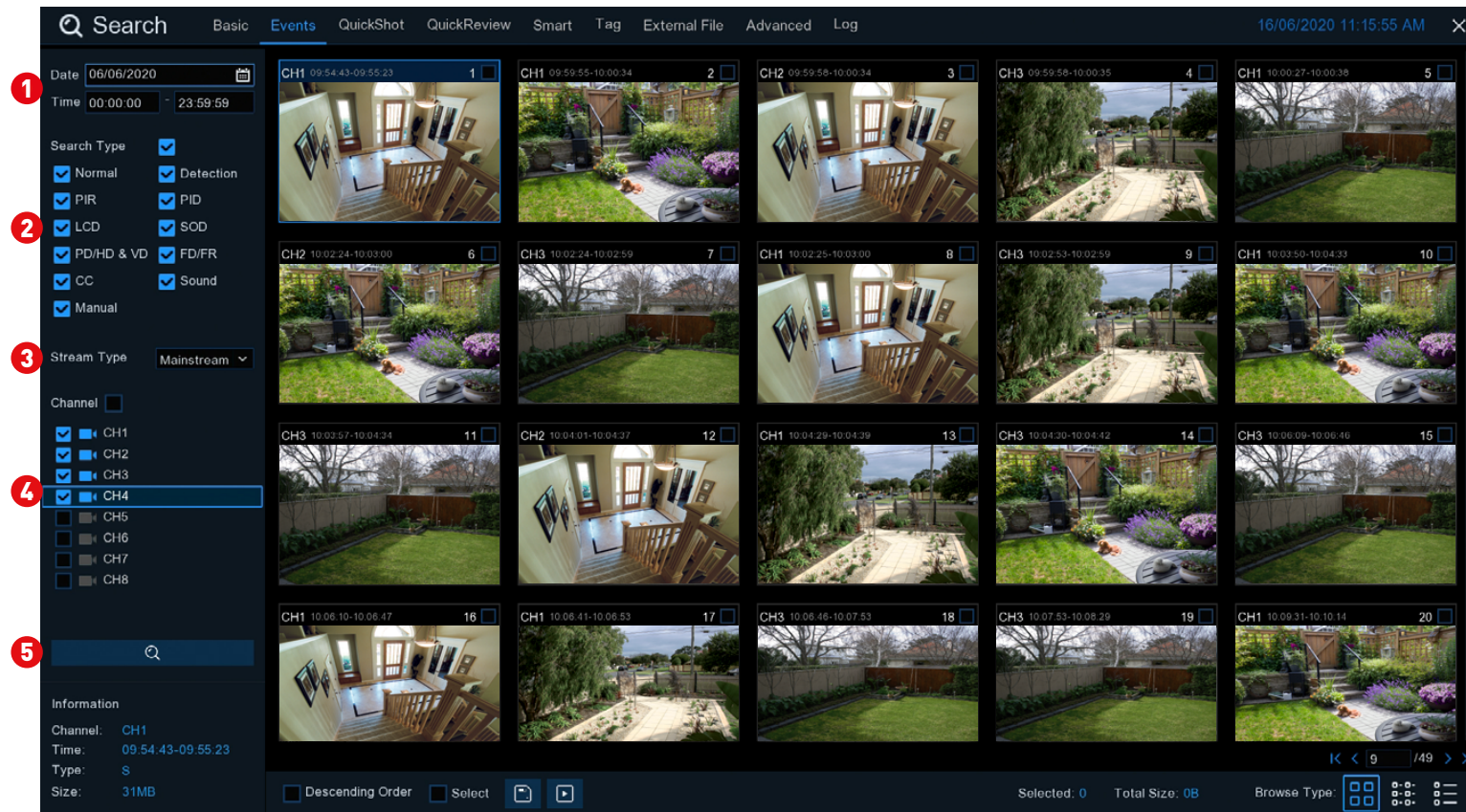
13 As above but you can choose your own tag name.

14 Indicates the video type on the timeline.

15 This represents the time period that is visible. Click on a different time period to zoom in for precise control or to zoom out.

To search for tags (see page 93 - [Search: Tag](#)).

# Search: Events (copy events to a USB flash drive)



Use this function to search, play and copy events to a USB flash drive.

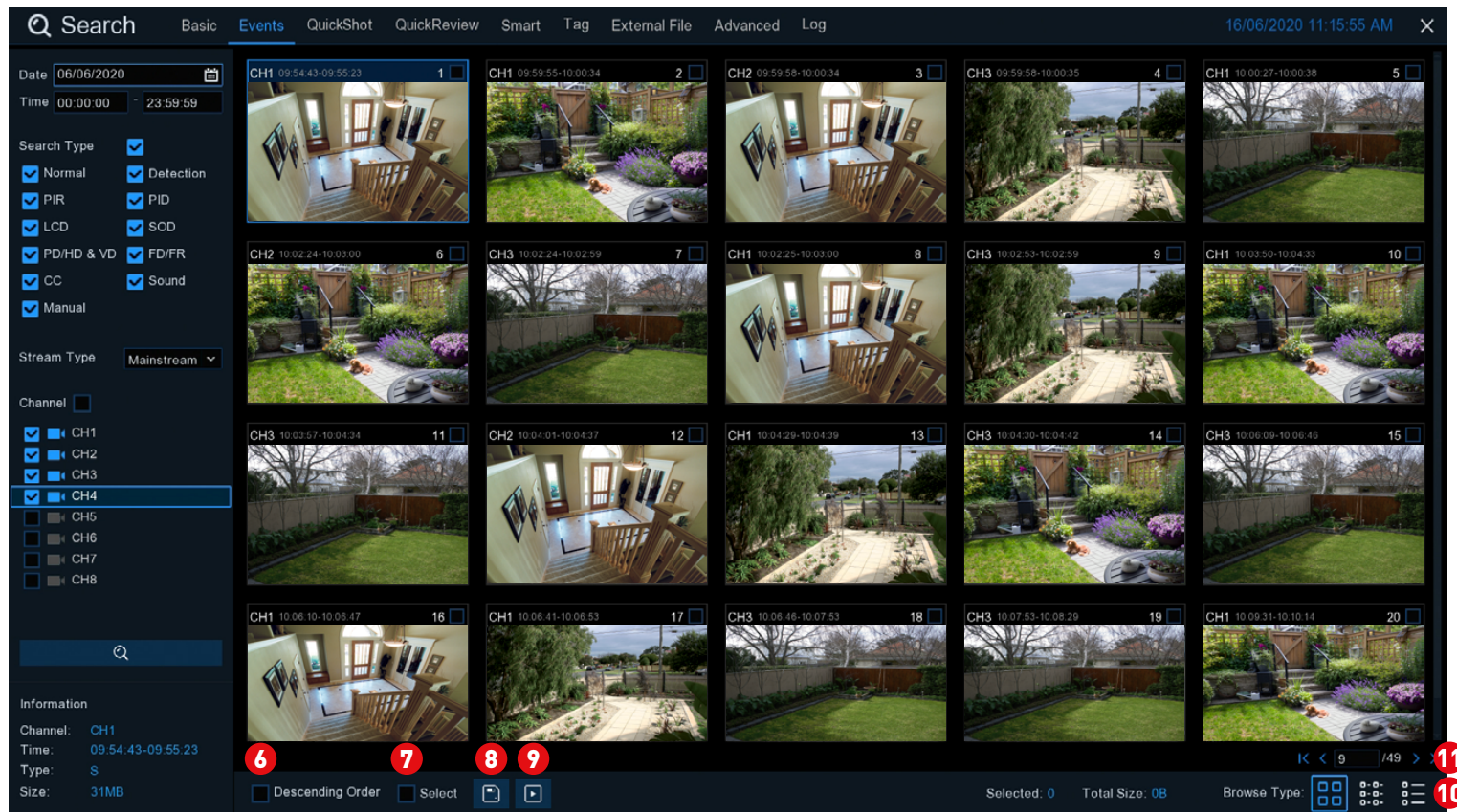
- 1 Click the calendar icon to select a date that you want to search on. A red underline on a date indicates there are recordings on those particular dates. For time, you can search over a 24 hour period or you can use the keypad to enter a specific start and end time.
- 2 This is the event type that you can search for. Adjust accordingly.
- 3 Select either Mainstream or Substream to search for (Mainstream will

play video at the camera's native recording resolution).

- 4 Select from one or all cameras that you would like to search on. A blue camera indicates which cameras match your search criteria.
- 5 Click this button to commence a search. You will see a thumbnail of each event that matches your search criteria. Click the checkbox above each thumbnail to select it.

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# Search: Events (copy events to a USB flash drive)



6 Click the checkbox to view the events in descending order.

7 Click the checkbox to select all events.

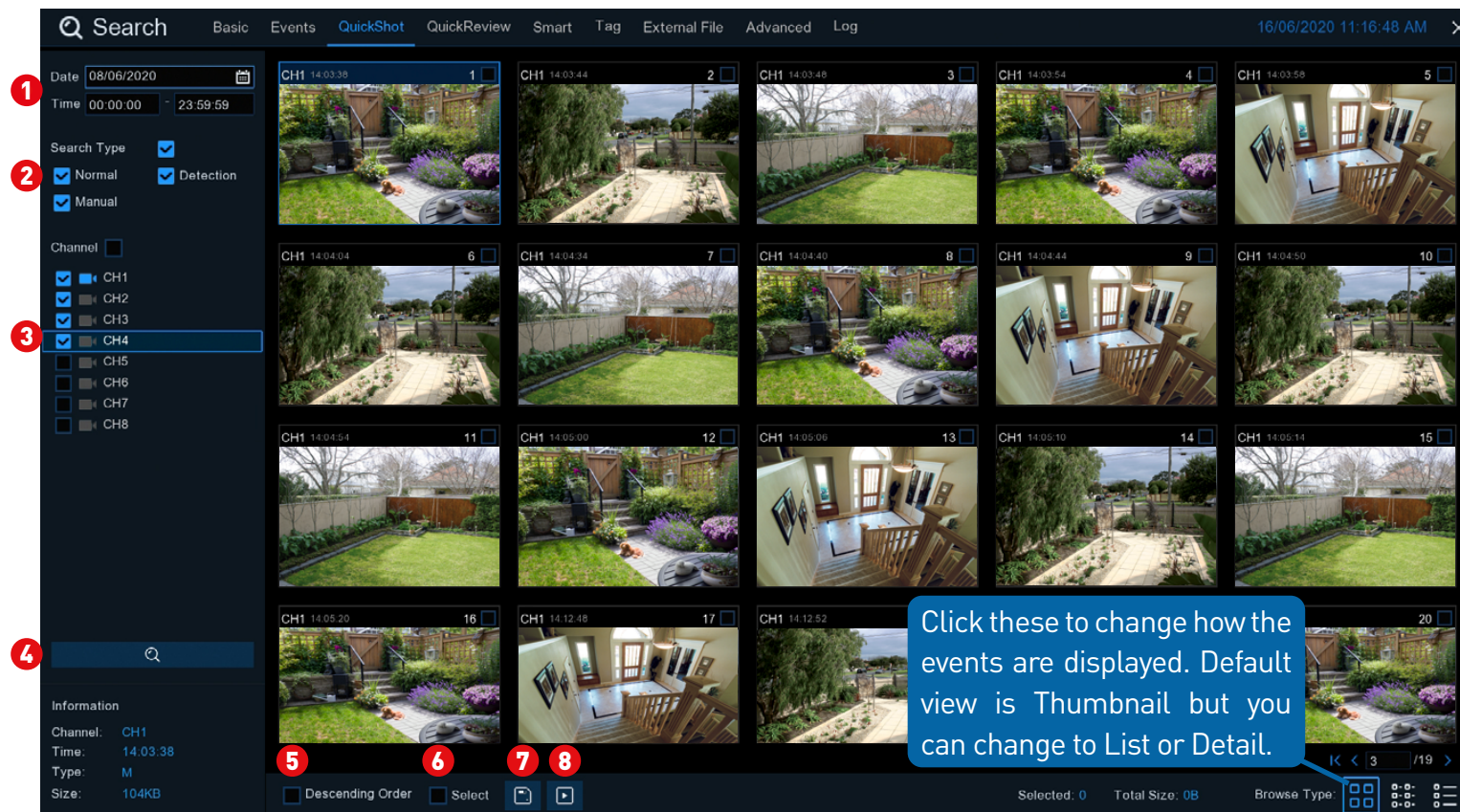
8 When one or more events have been selected, click this button to copy to a USB flash drive. For the backup type, leave the default selection (mp4) for wider playback compatibility on your computer. Insert a USB flash drive to your NVR then click "Save". Click "OK" to save then click "Close" when finished.

9 Click this button to play a selected event. Right-click to exit.

10 Click these to change how the events are displayed. Default view is Thumbnail but you can change to List or Detail.

11 Click these to navigate to a different page available. Use the keypad to navigate to a specific page.

# Search: QuickShot (copy snapshots to a USB flash drive)



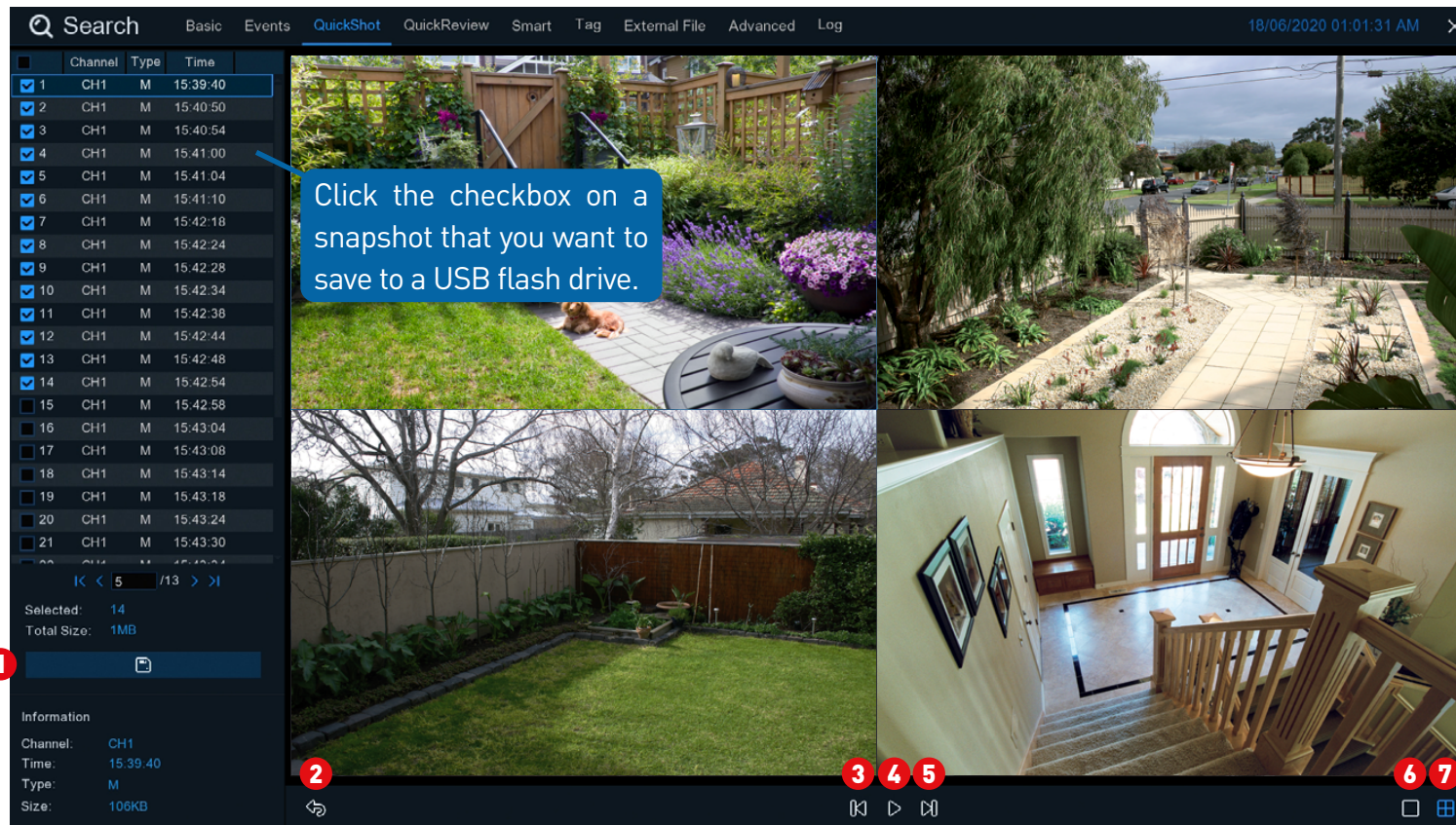
Use this function to search, play and copy snapshots to a USB flash drive.

- 1 Click the calendar icon to select a date that you want to search on. A red underline on a date indicates there are recordings on those particular dates. For time, you can search over a 24 hour period or you can use the keypad to enter a specific start and end time.
- 2 This is the event type that you can search for. Adjust accordingly.
- 3 Select from one or all cameras that you would like to search on.

- 4 Click this to commence a search. You will see a snapshot of each event that matches your search criteria.
- 5 Click the checkbox to view snapshots in descending order.
- 6 Click the checkbox to select all snapshots.
- 7 Select a snapshot then click this button to copy to a USB flash drive.
- 8 Click this to play a slideshow (see page 89 - [Playing a Slideshow](#)).



# Playing a Slideshow



1 Select a snapshot then click this button to copy to a USB flash drive.

2 Click this to go back to the previous screen.

3 Click this to display the previous group of snapshots.

4 Click this to pause or play a slideshow.

5 Click this to display the next group of snapshots.

6 Click this to view a single snapshot at a time.

7 Click this to view four snapshots at a time.

# Search: QuickReview



QuickReview has the same function as Basic but with the additional option of changing the period of time to search on.

- 1 Click the calendar icon to select a date that you want to search on. A red underline on a date indicates there are recordings on those particular dates.
- 2 Search over a 24 hour period or you can use the keypad to enter a specific start and end time.
- 3 This is the event type that you can search for. Adjust accordingly.

4 Select either Mainstream or Substream to search for.

5 Select the camera that you would like to search on.

See [page 83](#) for an explanation of the controls on the timeline.

# Search: Smart



Smart mode allows you to define one or more specific areas of the video which then makes it easier to find what you are searching for. For example, you may have movement on the left-hand side of the yard, but you want to see what is happening on the right-hand side.

**1** Click the calendar icon to select a date that you want to search on. A red underline on a date indicates there are recordings on those particular dates. For time, you can search over a 24 hour period or you can use the keypad to enter a specific start and end time.

**2** This is the event type that you can search for. Adjust accordingly.

**3** Select the camera that you would like to search on.

**4** Click the “Play” button to play each event.

**5** Click this button to enter Smart mode. The camera will be shown full screen and the Smart mode controls will be visible.

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# Search: Smart



- 6 Click this to define a full screen detection area.
- 7 Click this to delete all areas created.
- 8 Click this to search and play video based on the areas defined.
- 9 Click this to return to the playback interface.

To define one or more specific areas, please do the following:

- 10 Click and drag to select the area that you want to define. Multiple areas can be defined. You can also use the same action to remove sections of the defined area or to delete it entirely.
- 11 When finished, click the search button (magnifying glass) to play video based on the areas defined.

You'll be returned back to the playback interface. Segments matching your search criteria will be shown on the timeline in dark blue.



TIP

**Can I use Smart mode on multiple cameras at the same time?** Due to the complexities and processing power required, you can only use Smart mode on one camera at a time.

# Search: Tag

The screenshot shows the 'Search: Tag' interface. On the left, there are search filters: Start Time (06/06/2020 00:00:00), End Time (06/06/2020 23:59:59), Keyword, and Channel (CH1 selected). The main area displays a table of search results:

	Tag Name	Channel	Date	Time	Playback	Edit	Delete
1	Tag	CH1	06/06/2020	12:32:24	▶	✎	🗑️
2	Tag	CH1	06/06/2020	12:35:10	▶	✎	🗑️
3	Tag	CH1	06/06/2020	12:39:33	▶	✎	🗑️
4	Tag	CH1	06/06/2020	12:44:26	▶	✎	🗑️

Numbered callouts: 1 points to the Start Time calendar icon; 2 points to the Keyword input field; 3 points to the Channel list; 4 points to the search button; 5 points to the playback button in the table.

- 1 Click the calendar icon to select a date that you want to search on. For time, you can search over a 24 hour period or you can use the keypad to enter a specific start and end time.
- 2 If you have created one or more customized tags, click this to input the tag name (tag names are case sensitive).
- 3 Select the camera that you would like to search on.
- 4 Click this button to commence a search. Tags matching your search cri-

teria will be displayed.

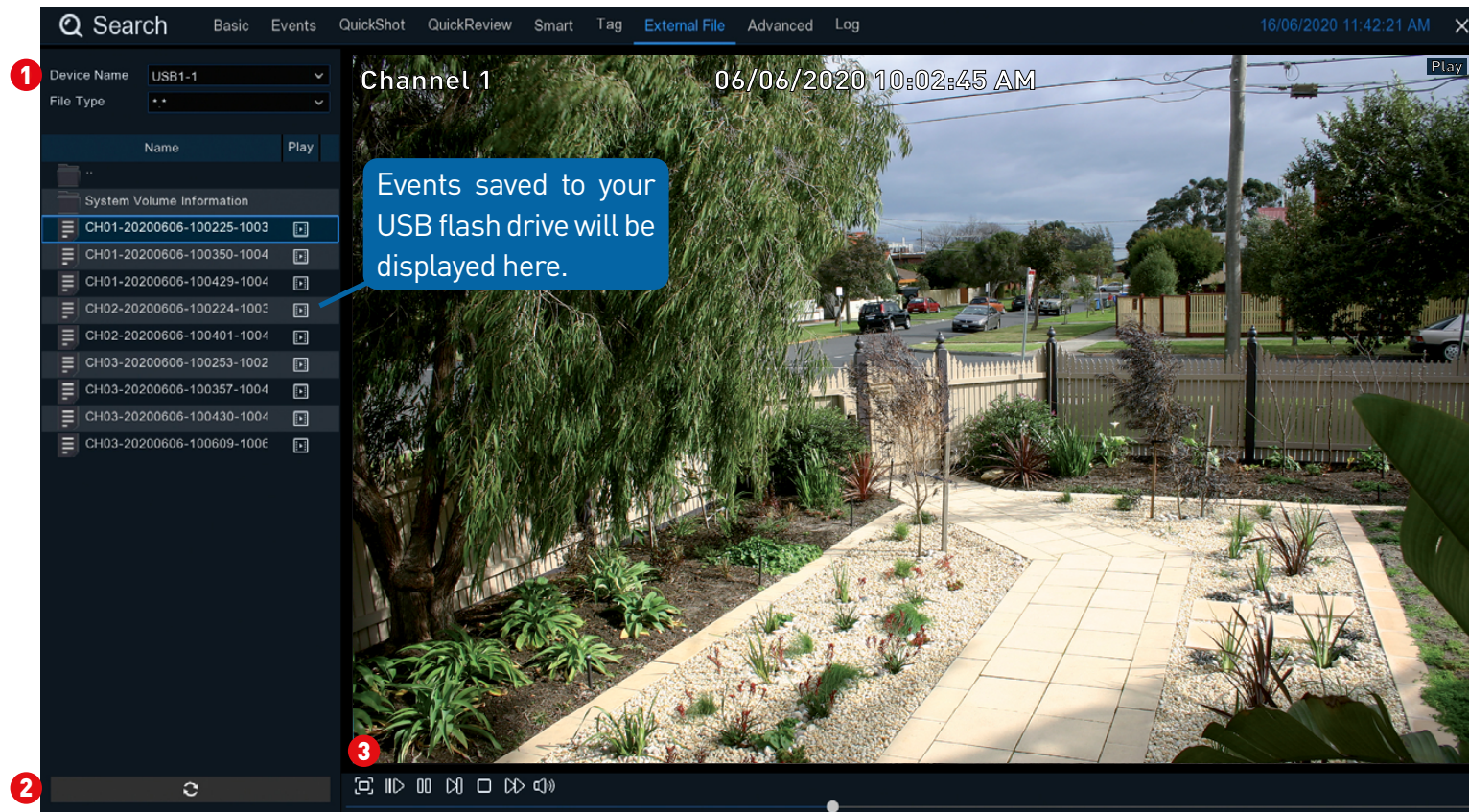
- 5 Select an event then click this to play or double-click an event to play.

**Edit:** Click this to edit the tag name.

**Delete:** Click this to delete the tag.

See [page 83](#) for an explanation of the controls on the timeline.

# Search: External File



Use this function to play events that you have copied to a USB flash drive.

**1** If multiple USB flash drives are connected, click the drop down menu to select the drive that you want to read from.

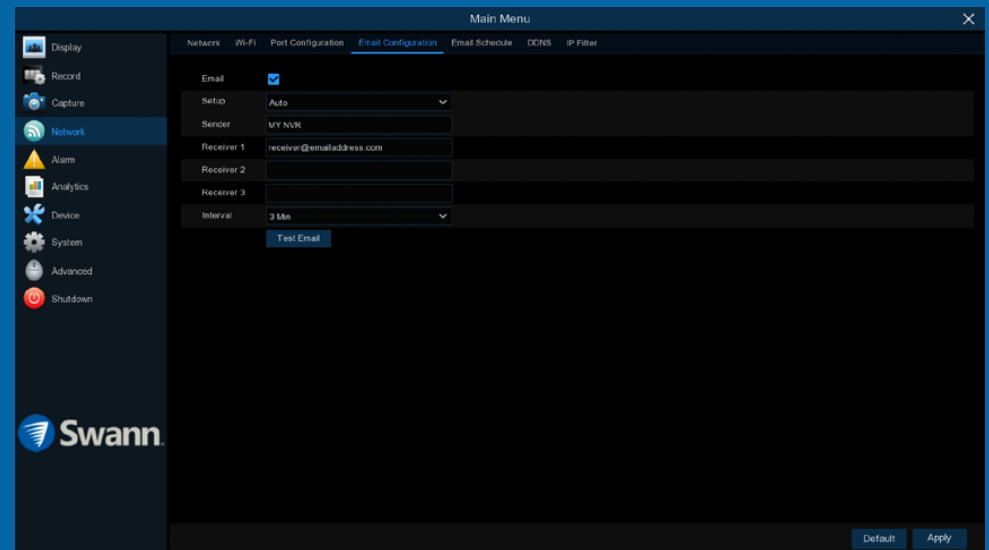
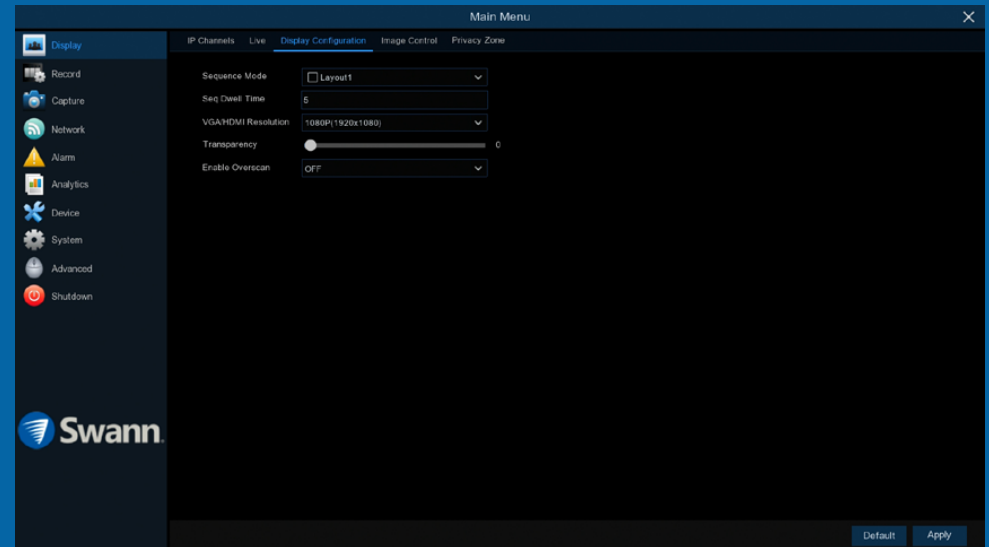
**2** Click this button to refresh the USB flash drive.

Double-click an event to play.

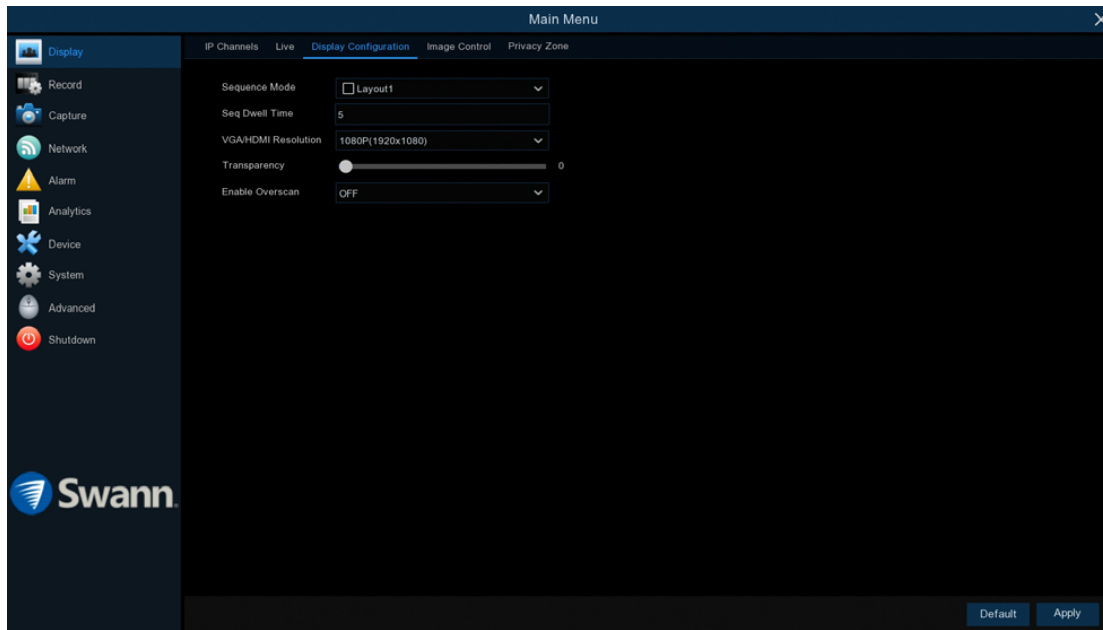
**3** Click this to hide the playback interface so you can maximise your viewing area. Right-click to restore.

# System Configuration

The options available give you complete control on how your NVR is configured and how it operates. Some of the options such as display resolution, time zone, email configuration, Daylight Saving and password creation are configured during the Startup Wizard. For experienced network users, your NVR provides options that can be configured to suit your particular requirements. You can also perform a firmware upgrade when available.



# Display: Display Configuration



- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Sequence Mode:** Select how many video channels you would like to display when your NVR is in sequence mode. You can select from one, four or six cameras to display at a time.

**Sequence Dwell Time:** Enter in seconds the maximum length of time you would like to display a video channel in sequence mode before displaying the next video channel (300 seconds is the maximum).

**VGA/HDMI Resolution:** Select a display resolution that is suitable for your TV.

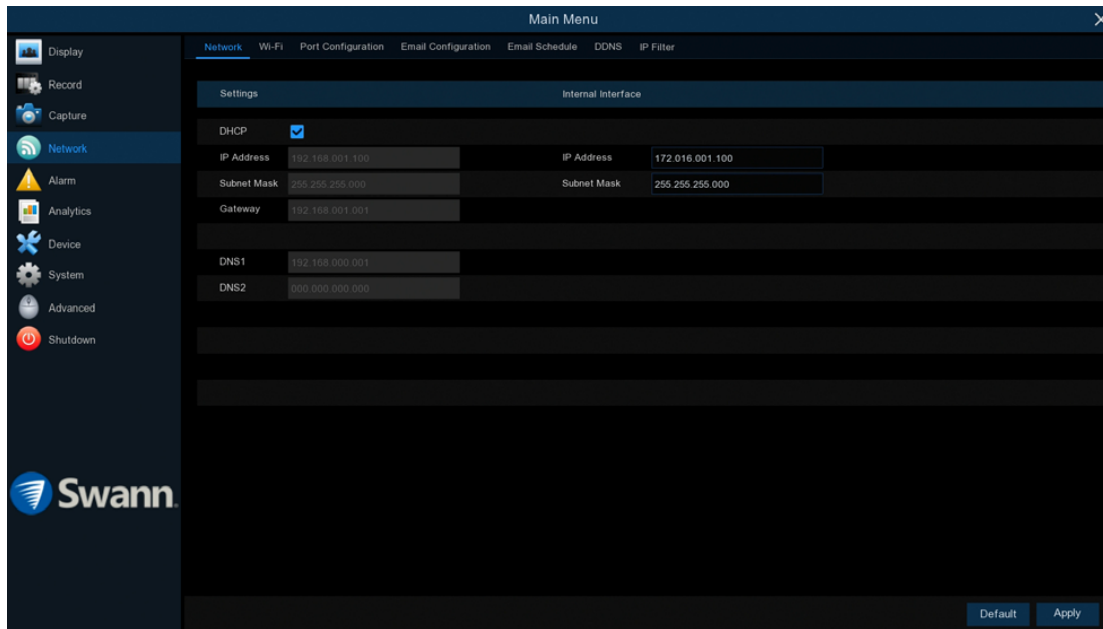
**Transparency:** Click and hold the slider left or right to change how transparent the Menu Bar and Main Menu will appear on-screen. Adjust accordingly.

**Enable Overscan:** Is mainly used on older television sets to display the entire viewable area correctly on-screen. It does this by cutting off the edges of the picture. This is not required for modern Plasma and LCD TVs as the image is

digitally processed to display the correct aspect ratio.



# Network: Network



As SwannLink Peer-to-Peer technology is utilised to communicate with your network and mobile device, configuration of the network settings is not required. If you have networking expertise and require specific settings, you do have the ability to change them.

- Click "Default" to revert to default settings.
- Click "Apply" to save settings.

**DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol):** Your router will automatically assign an IP address to each device connected to your network. This is enabled by default and is the recommended method of connection.

If you are disabling DHCP, the following five options can be changed (this is for advanced users only):

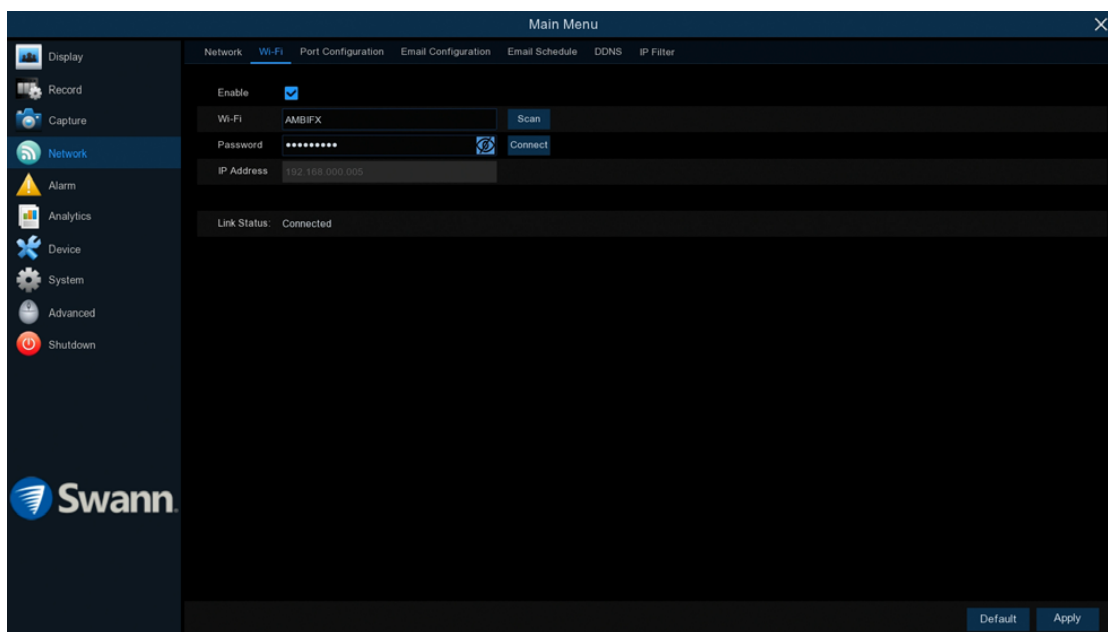
**IP Address:** Each device on your network must have a unique IP address. A typical address might be "192.168.1.24" or something similar.

**Subnet Mask:** This allows the flow of network traffic between hosts to be segregated based on a network configuration. A typical address might be "255.255.255.0" or something similar.

**Gateway:** This allows your NVR to connect to the internet. This is typically the same IP address as your modem or router.

**DNS (Domain Name System)1/2:** Input the DNS settings for your internet service provider.

# Network: Wi-Fi



If you have a compatible Wi-Fi dongle connected to an available USB port on your NVR, the Wi-Fi tab will appear. This gives you the flexibility of placing your NVR in a different location, without having to be physically connected to your router or modem.

- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

Before proceeding, disconnect the Ethernet cable from your NVR’s Ethernet port (if connected).

1. Click the “Scan” button. After a short moment, a list of Wi-Fi access points that your NVR detects, will be shown. Select your Wi-Fi access point then click the “Save” button.
2. Input the password for your Wi-Fi access point then click the “Connect” button. Make sure the password is correct before proceeding (click the eye icon to display the Wi-Fi password).
3. After a short moment, your NVR will connect to your Wi-Fi access point. Click “OK” to continue (if the connection has failed, check that the password is correct).

The Link Status will change to Connected indicating a successful connection.

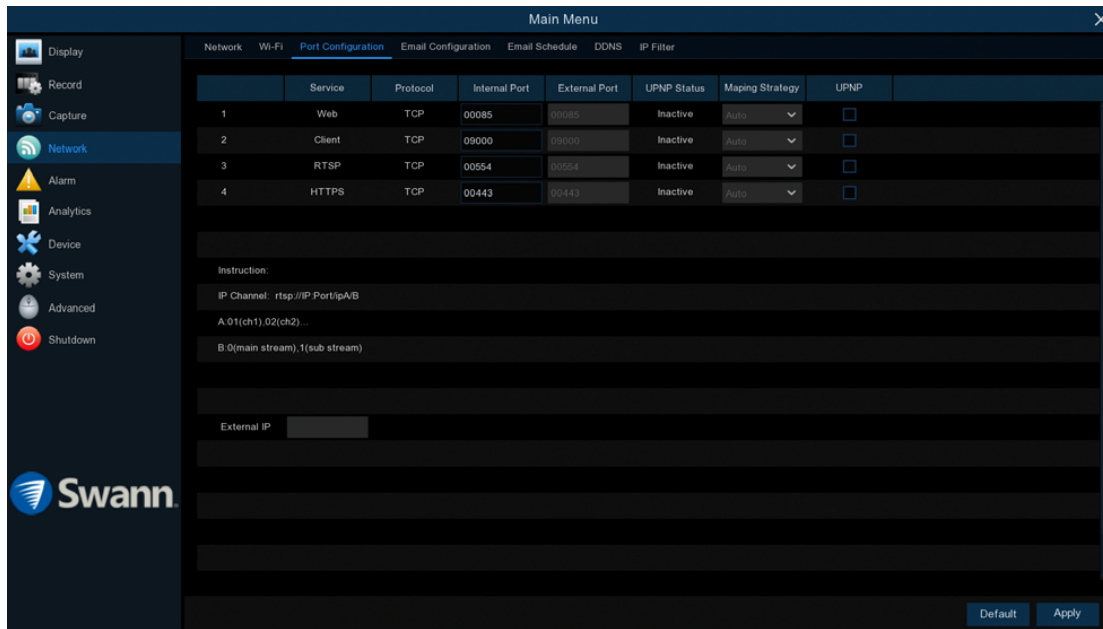
Click “Apply” to save settings.



TIP

If the Wi-Fi dongle needs to be removed, click the “USB Wi-Fi” button on the Menu Bar (next to the date & time), then click “Safely remove USB Devices”. Remove the Wi-Fi dongle then click “OK”.

# Network: Port Configuration & RTSP



- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

The cog symbol (top right) indicates functions that are suitable for experienced users and/or some networking knowledge is required.

In most circumstances there is no need to change the settings here. The following is for advanced users only.

**Web:** This port is used to log into your NVR via your network or remotely. The default port number (85) is seldom used by other devices, however if you have another device using this port, you may need to change it. An alternative port number to use is 90.

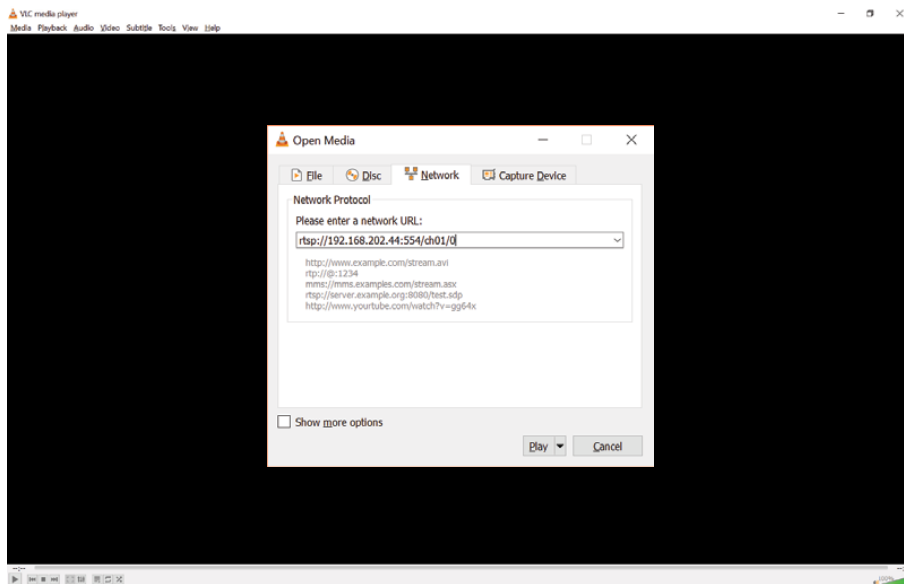
**Client:** This is the internal port that your NVR will use to send information through. This particular port number (9000) is not used by many devices, however if you have another NVR-like device, you may need to change it

**RTSP:** This port can be used to stream a camera’s live view image to your computer, using video streaming software such as VLC media player (see page 100 - [Using RTSP](#) for more information).

**HTTPS:** Basically the same as HTTP Port but with an additional layer of security. The default port number (443) is seldom used by other devices.

**UPNP:** A network protocol designed to allow network connected devices to automatically configure the router for the purposes of remote access. Click the checkbox to enable (not required to be enabled when using UID).

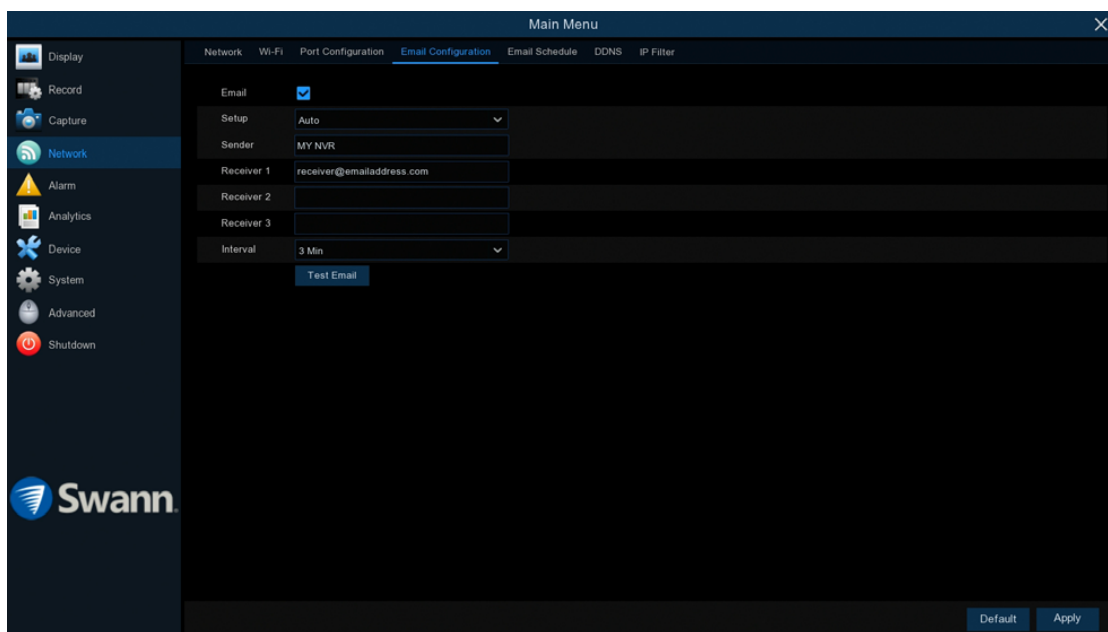
# Using RTSP



The following instructions are for the VLC media player software (you can download a free copy from [www.videolan.org](http://www.videolan.org)). After download, double click the file then follow the on-screen instructions for installation.

1. On your computer, load the VLC media player software. Click “Media” then click “Open Network Stream” (as shown on the left).
2. Enter the IP address of your NVR (on your NVR click “Network” in the Main Menu to display the IP address) into VLC. The following is an example of what you need to enter - `rtsp://192.168.202.44:554/ch01/0`.  
*rtsp://192.168.202.44*: This is the IP address of your NVR.  
*554*: This is the RTSP port of your NVR.  
*ch01*: This represents channel 1. To display channel 2 enter ch02, etc.  
*0*: This represents Mainstream. For Substream enter 1 instead.
3. Click “Play” then enter the user name and password. You will now see a live view image from the camera.

# Network: Email Configuration



## Why do I need to create an email for my NVR?

Inputting an email address is a requirement in the Startup Wizard. This is so your NVR can send you email alerts and to send you a password reset request if you have forgotten your password. Both Gmail and Outlook are supported. You can also use the email from your service provider, providing you know the settings to be used.

→ Click “Default” to revert to default settings.

→ Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Email:** Leave this enabled to receive email alerts.

**Setup:** Click the drop down menu and select “Manual” to enter your email details.

**Encryption:** Leave this on “Auto” to ensure your NVR will always use the correct encryption for your email provider.

**SMTP Port:** For both Gmail and Outlook, input 00587.

**SMTP Server:** Gmail input “smtp.gmail.com”. Outlook input “smtp.live.com”.

**User Name:** Input the email user name for your account.

**Password:** Input the email password for your account. Click the “Show Password” checkbox if you would like to hide your password.

**Sender:** Input a name for your email account, for example MY NVR.

**Receiver 1/2/3:** Input the email address(es) to send email alerts to.

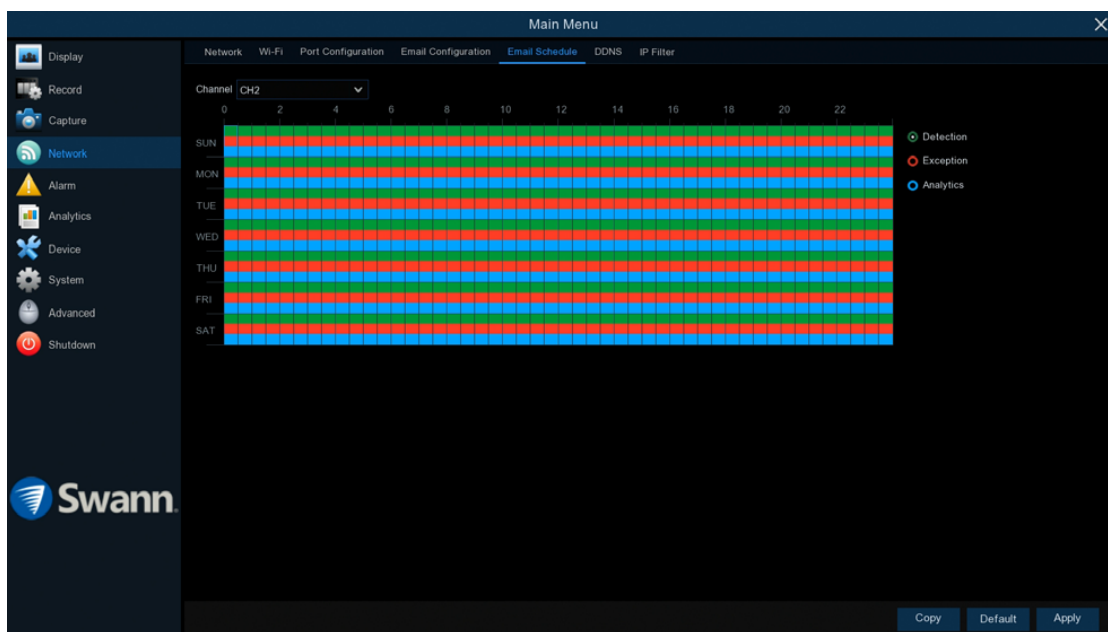
**Interval:** This is the length of time that must elapse after your NVR sends an email alert before it will send another. Adjust accordingly.

**Test Email:** Click to verify the information is correct then click “OK”. A message will appear if the test has been successful. Click “OK” to continue.

## Email not working? Please try the following:

1. Check that your email user name and password are correct.
2. Located at the back of your NVR, you should see one or two flashing LEDs (above the Ethernet port). If you don't see this, disconnect then reconnect the Ethernet cable or try a different port on your modem or router.
3. Search “less secure apps” at [support.swann.com](http://support.swann.com) (if using Gmail).

# Network: Email Schedule



- Use the “Copy” function to apply all settings to the other cameras connected.
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Channel:** Select a camera that you would like to edit.

**Detection:** If email alerts have been enabled for motion detection, you can change the schedule on when your NVR can send those alerts. For example, you may only want to receive alerts during the day but not in the evening. A different schedule can be created for each camera.

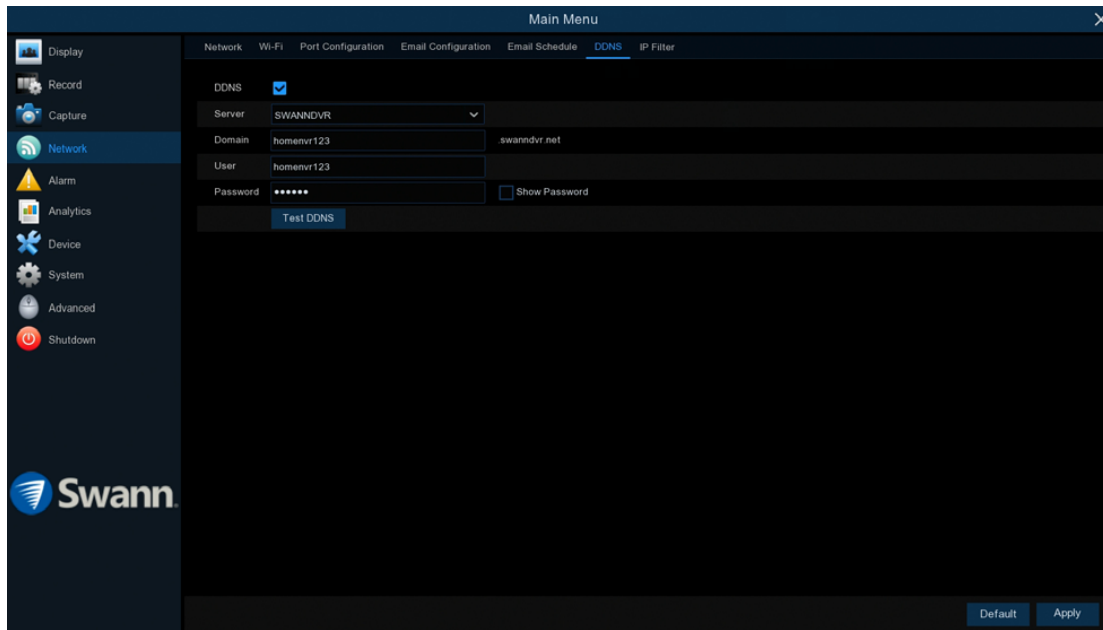
**Exception:** There are three event types that your NVR will detect as an exception - no space left on the hard drive, a hard drive error and if one or more channels has lost the feed from its camera (see page 112 - [Advanced: Events](#)). It's recommended to leave the default schedule in place in case there is an exception that you need to be alerted to.

**Analytics:** If any of the analytic functions have been enabled, an email alert will automatically be sent when motion has been detected. A different sched-

ule can be created for each camera.

Each square represents 30 minutes. Using the mouse, click on a particular square to change or click and drag the mouse over the squares corresponding to your desired time period.

# Network: DDNS



Prior to developing our SwannLink Peer-to-Peer technology, our SwannDNS service was used to connect to your NVR remotely. This service is still active and we recommend creating an account as a means of backup.

- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

Go to [www.swanndvr.com](http://www.swanndvr.com) and click the “Registration” button. Follow the prompts to create your account.

**DDNS:** Click the checkbox to enable.

**Server:** SWANNDVR is automatically selected.

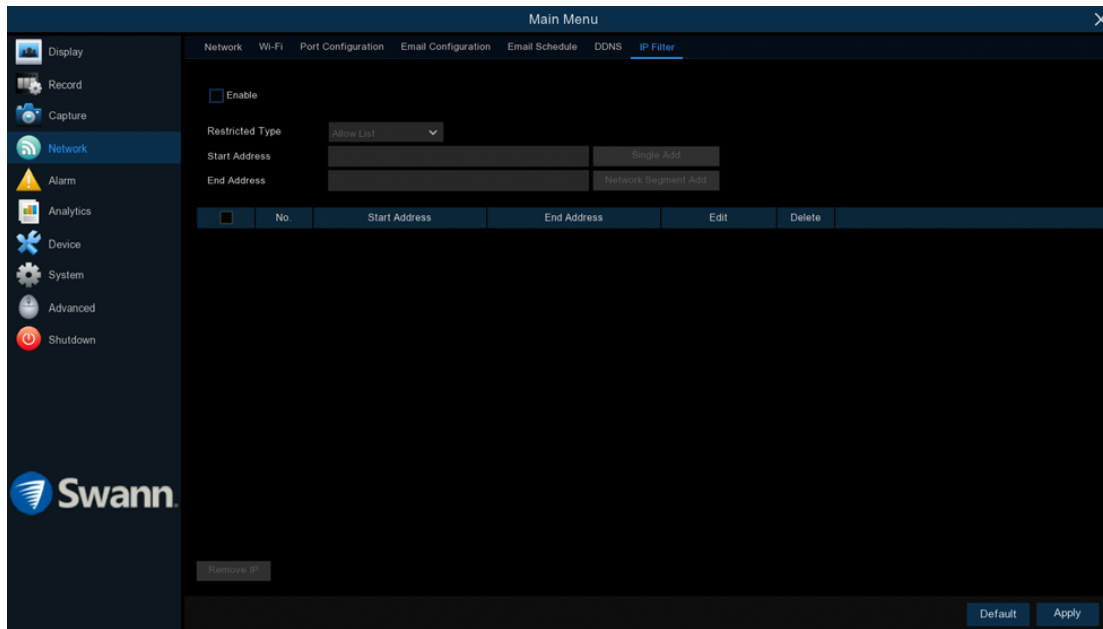
**Domain:** Enter the domain name that is hosted on your account. For example - (username.swanndvr.net).

**User:** Enter the username (host name) for your account.

**Password:** Enter the password for your account.

**Test DDNS:** Click this button then click “OK” to confirm your account details. After a short moment you will see “DDNS test is successful!”. Click “OK” to close.

# Network: IP Filter



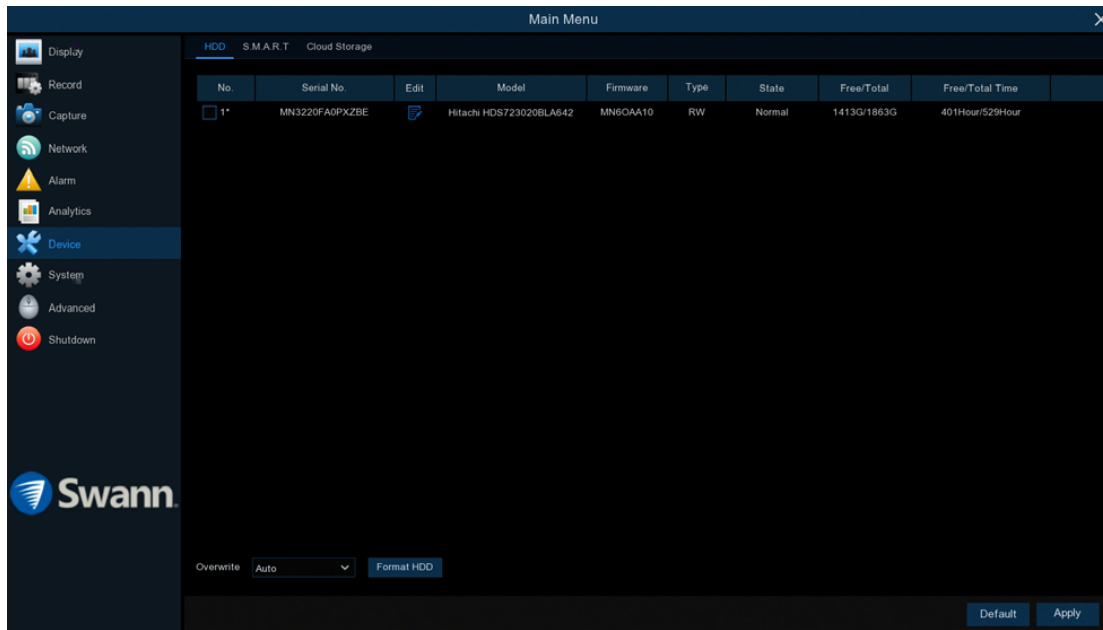
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

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IP Filtering is a great way to limit access to your network devices for specific groups of IP addresses. For example, if you had a malicious user attacking your network, you could add a filter to prevent access to your devices from a single IP address or from a block of IP addresses. For the day-to-day function of your NVR, this function is not required.



# Device: HDD



This function gives you the option of formatting your NVR's hard drive, and it will be listed here for selection (if a new hard drive has been installed inside your NVR, you need to format the drive before it can be used).

→ Click "Default" to revert to default settings.

→ Click "Apply" to save settings.

**Overwrite:** This instructs your NVR to overwrite the oldest video files as the hard drive becomes full. You also have the option of disabling this or selecting the amount of days events are kept before they are overwritten. It's recommended to leave the default selection as this prevents your NVR from running out of storage space.

**Format HDD:** Click the checkbox to select the hard drive then click this button to format. You have three options to select from:

**1. Format the entire hard disk. All data will be erased:** As stated, all data including events, log files and analytic information will be erased.

**2. Only format the record partition. All record data will be erased:** Only data such as events, snapshots and log files will be erased. All analytic information will be kept.

**3. Only format the general partition. All AI related data may be erased:**

Only analytic information will be erased. Events, snapshots and log files will be kept on the hard drive.

Select the relevant option then click "OK". Input your password then click "Authenticate". A message will appear noting the data that will be erased. Click "OK" to continue.



TIP

From time to time, we recommend that you format the hard drive. This ensures that your NVR maintains system integrity. Connect a USB flash drive to copy events that you want to save. Remember, formatting the hard drive erases all your recordings.

# Device: S.M.A.R.T

ID	Attribute Name	Status	Flags	Value	Worst	Threshold	Raw Value
0x1	Raw Read Error Rate	OK	b	99	99	16	65537
0x2	Throughput Performance	OK	5	136	136	54	81
0x3	Spin Up Time	OK	7	174	174	24	298 (Average 361)
0x4	Start Stop Count	OK	12	88	88	0	50325
0x5	Reallocated Sector Ct	OK	33	100	100	5	4
0x7	Seek Error Rate	OK	b	100	100	67	0
0x8	Seek Time Performance	OK	5	135	135	20	26
0x9	Power On Hours	OK	12	98	98	0	20958
0xa	Spin Retry Count	OK	13	100	100	60	0
0xc	Power Cycle Count	OK	32	100	100	0	450
0xc0	Power-Off Retract Count	OK	32	58	58	0	50744
0xc1	Load Cycle Count	OK	12	58	58	0	50744
0xc2	Temperature Celsius	OK	2	133	133	0	45 (Min/Max 8/59)
0xc4	Reallocated Event Count	OK	32	100	100	0	4
0xc5	Current Pending Sector	OK	22	100	100	0	0
0xc6	Offline Uncorrectable	OK	8	100	100	0	0
0xc7	UDMA CRC Error Count	OK	a	200	200	0	1

This function can be used to display technical information on the hard drive installed inside your NVR. You can also perform a test (there are three types available) to evaluate and detect potential drive errors.

**Self-check Type:** There are three types available:

**Short:** This test verifies major components of the hard drive such as read/write heads, electronics and internal memory.

**Long:** This is a longer test that verifies the above as well as performing a surface scan to reveal problematic areas (if any) and forces bad sector relocation.

**Conveyance:** This is a very quick test that verifies the mechanical parts of the hard drive are working.

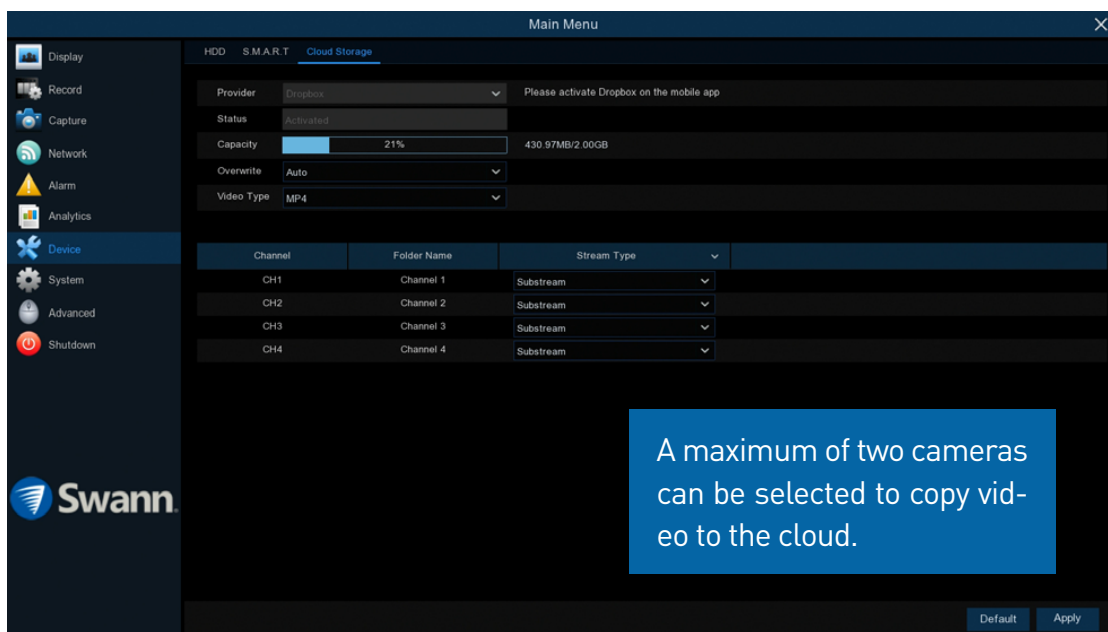
When performing a test, your NVR will continue to work as normal.

In most circumstances, the information here will not be needed for general use of your NVR, however one of our Swann Helpdesk & Technical Support

staff may ask you to access this if you call for assistance.

Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Device: Cloud Storage



Your NVR has the ability to copy snapshots and video recordings to the cloud via Dropbox™. Dropbox™ is a service that allows you to store and share snapshots and video recordings and always have them on hand when needed.

- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

A maximum of two cameras can be selected to copy video to the cloud.

Before activation, we recommend that you create a Dropbox account first. Go to [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com), input your name, email address and password, agree to the terms & conditions then click or tap the sign up button. If you already have a Dropbox account you can skip this step.

**Provider:** Dropbox is the sole file hosting service and cannot be changed. To activate the cloud function, please use the Swann Security mobile app.

**Status:** This will change to Activated when active.

**Capacity:** When activated, this will display how much free space you have on your Dropbox account.

**Overwrite:** The default setting will overwrite the oldest files first. Click the drop down menu if you would like to select a particular time period instead.

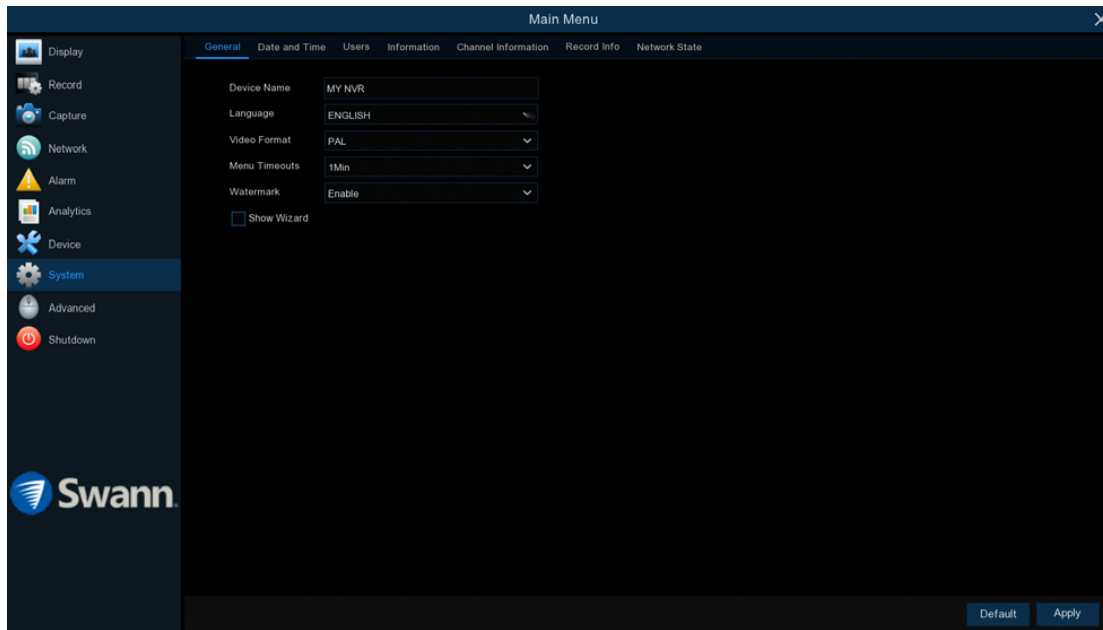
**Video Type:** Leave the default selection for wider playback compatibility.

**Stream Type:** Click the drop down menu if you would like to select Substream (reduced quality) or Mainstream (high quality) video to be copied to the cloud.

## To activate the cloud function:

1. In the Swann Security app, tap the “Menu” button (top left).
2. Tap “Dropbox”. A message will appear. Tap “Authorize”.
3. Input your login email address and password then tap “Sign in”.
4. Tap “Allow” then tap your NVR shown. A blue tick will appear next to your NVR. Tap “Done” to exit.
5. With the cloud function enabled, you need to instruct your NVR to send alerts to the cloud (see page 32 - [Alarm: Detection - Actions](#)).

# System: General



- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Device Name:** Click the dialogue box to rename your NVR (if required).

**Language:** Select a language you would like the system menus to be displayed in. Multiple languages are available.

**Video Format:** Select the correct video standard for your country. USA and Canada are NTSC. UK, Australia and New Zealand are PAL.

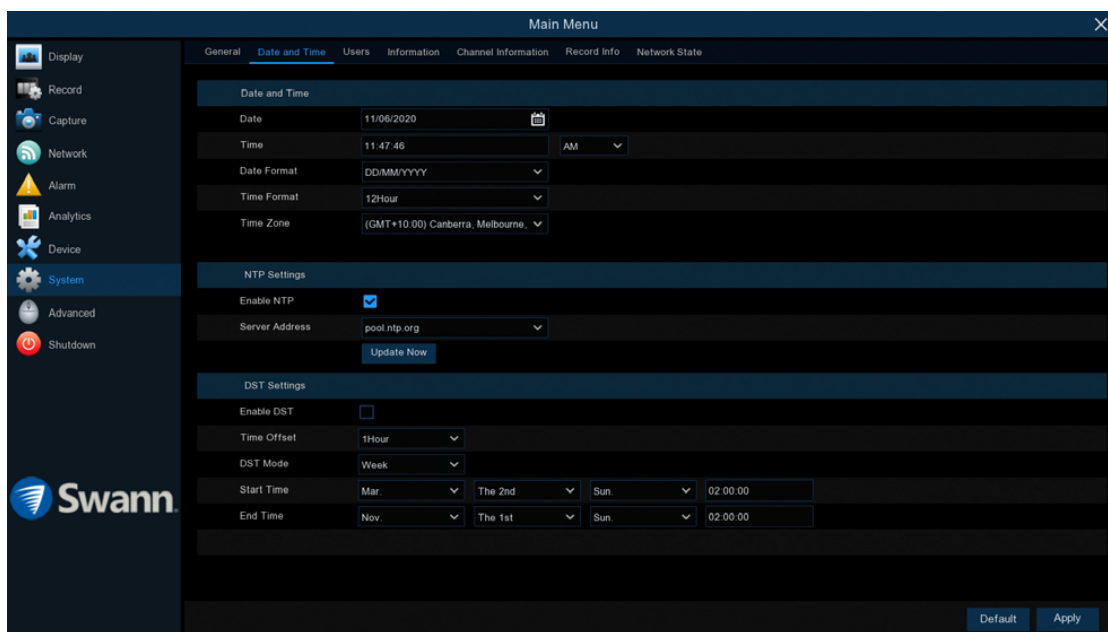
**Menu Timeouts:** Click the drop down menu to select the time your NVR will exit the Main Menu when idle. You can also disable this by selecting “OFF” (password protection will be temporarily disabled).

**Watermark:** By default, the Swann logo is overlaid as a watermark for each camera connected. If this isn't required, click the drop down menu to disable.

**Show Wizard:** Click the checkbox if you would like to display the Startup Wiz-

ard each time you turn on or reboot your NVR.

# System: Date and Time



- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

## Date and Time

If the date, time and time zone are incorrect, click the relevant dialogue boxes and drop down menus to change.

## NTP Settings

The NTP (Network Time Protocol) function gives your NVR the ability to automatically sync its clock with a time server. This ensures that the date and time are accurate and ensures correct time stamping when events occur.

1. Click the “Update Now” button to automatically synchronize your NVR’s internal clock with the time server instantly.
2. A message will appear on-screen stating that the time has been successfully updated. Click “OK” to continue.

## DST Settings

**Enable DST:** If Daylight Saving applies to your time zone or region, click the drop down menu to enable.

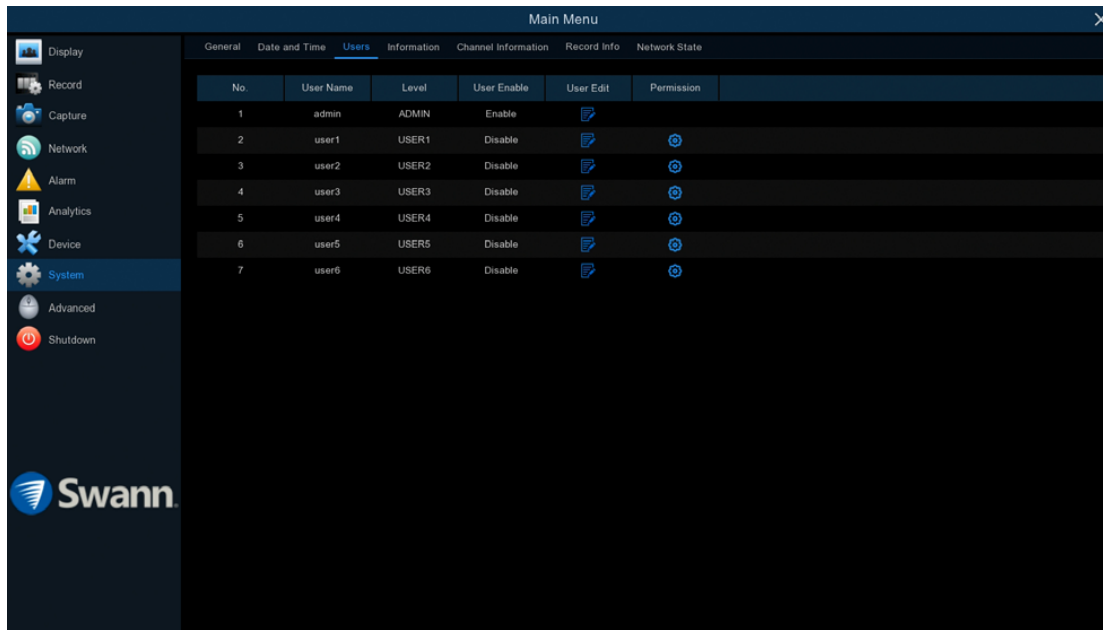
**Time Offset:** Select the amount of time that Daylight Saving has increased by in your time zone. This refers to the difference in minutes, between Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and the local time.

**DST Mode:** You can select how Daylight Saving starts and ends:

**Week:** Select the month, a particular day and time when Daylight Saving starts and ends. For example, 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of a particular month.

**Date:** Select the start date (click the calendar icon), end date and time when Daylight Saving starts and ends.

# System: Users



- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

To change your NVR’s password, click the “Edit” button. The password has to be a minimum of six characters and can contain a mixture of numbers and letters. Enter your new password again to confirm.

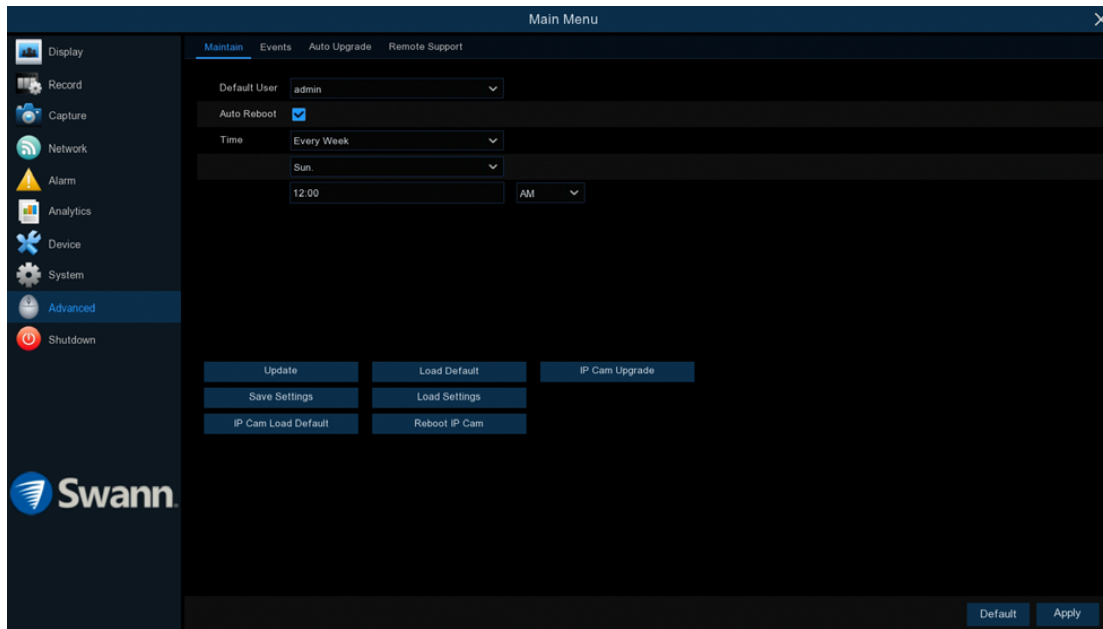
the “Save” button then click “OK” to confirm.

Additional user accounts can also be enabled:

1. Select “user1” then click the “Edit” button.
2. Click the drop down menu to enable.
3. Enter a user name and password.
4. Click the “Save” button, enter the admin password then click “OK” to confirm.

To change permissions, click the “Permission” button then select which options you would like to enable. Click the “All” button to select all options. Click

# Advanced: Maintain



- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Default User:** Admin is the default user account. If multiple user accounts have been created, click the drop down menu to disable.

**Auto Reboot:** It is recommended to leave this enabled, as it maintains the operational integrity of your NVR.

**Time:** Choose an appropriate day and time to reboot your NVR.

**Update:** Click this button to update the firmware from a USB flash drive. Select the firmware file then “OK” to confirm. When the firmware update has completed, your NVR will reboot automatically.

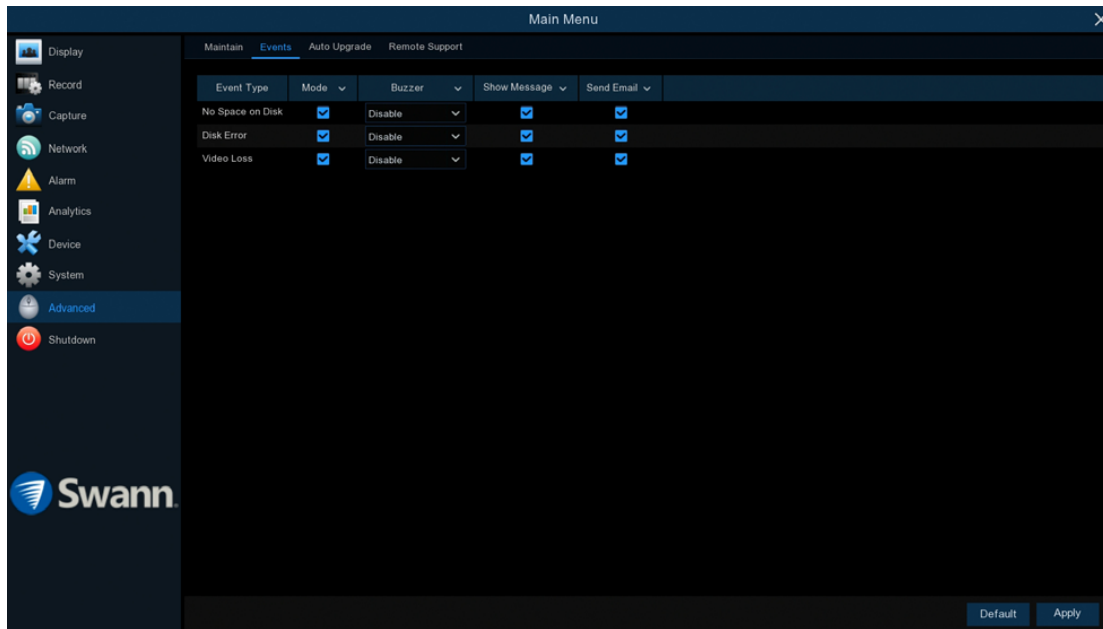
**Save Settings:** Click this button to export a configuration file containing all the settings that you have customised.

**Load Default:** Click this button to restore factory default settings. Click “All”

then click “Save”. Your NVR will reboot and the Startup Wizard will appear on-screen.

**Load Settings:** Click this button to import a configuration file containing all the settings that you have customised.

# Advanced: Events



Whenever there is an event or if your NVR displays unusual behaviour, you can be alerted to in multiple ways such as receiving an email, displaying a message on-screen, receiving an alert in the Swann Security app and activating its internal buzzer. There are three event types that your NVR will detect as an exception.

- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Enable:** Click the checkbox if you would like to disable alerts for the event available.

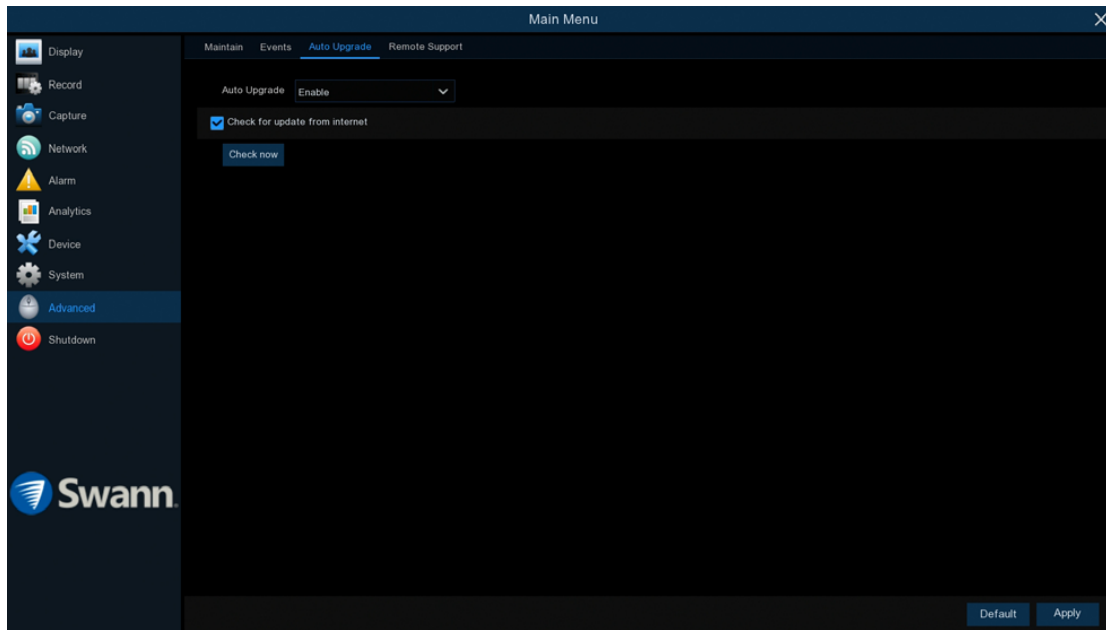
**Buzzer:** Click the drop down menu and select the time period for the internal buzzer to activate for the event available.

**Show Message:** Click the checkbox if you like to disable the on-screen message for the event available.

**Send Email:** Click the checkbox if you would like to disable email alerts for the event available.



# Advanced: Auto Upgrade



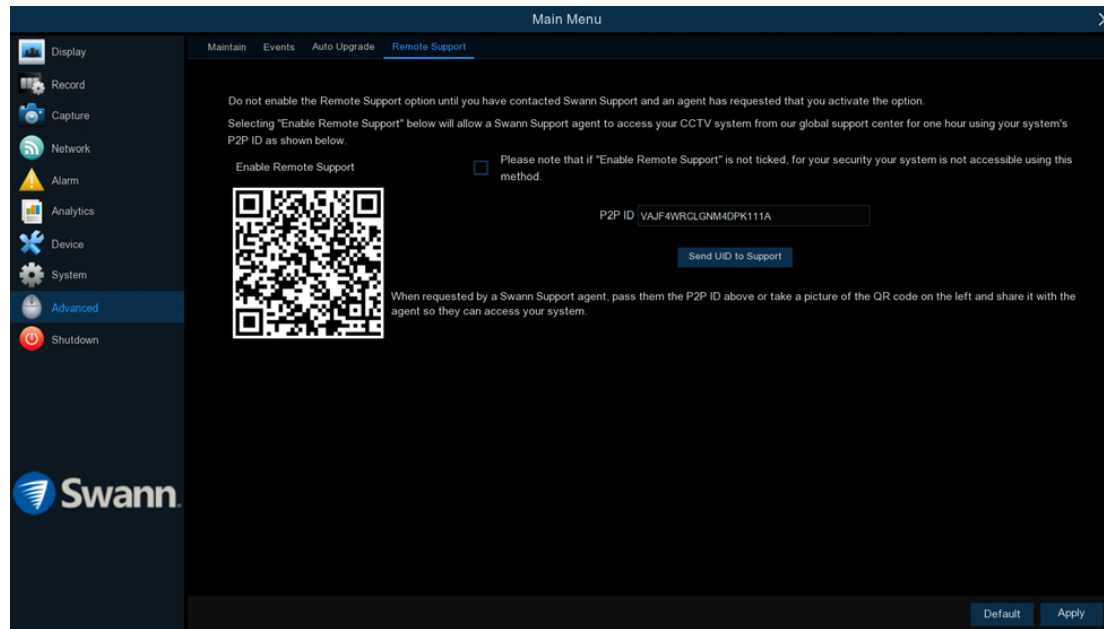
- Click “Default” to revert to default settings.
- Click “Apply” to save settings.

**Auto Upgrade:** By default, your NVR will automatically download and install new firmware when available. Click the drop down menu if you would like to disable this feature.

**Check for update from internet:** By default, your NVR will automatically check and alert you if new firmware is available for download. Click the checkbox if you would like to disable this feature.

**Check now:** Click this button to check if new firmware is available. If new firmware is available, follow the on-screen instructions.

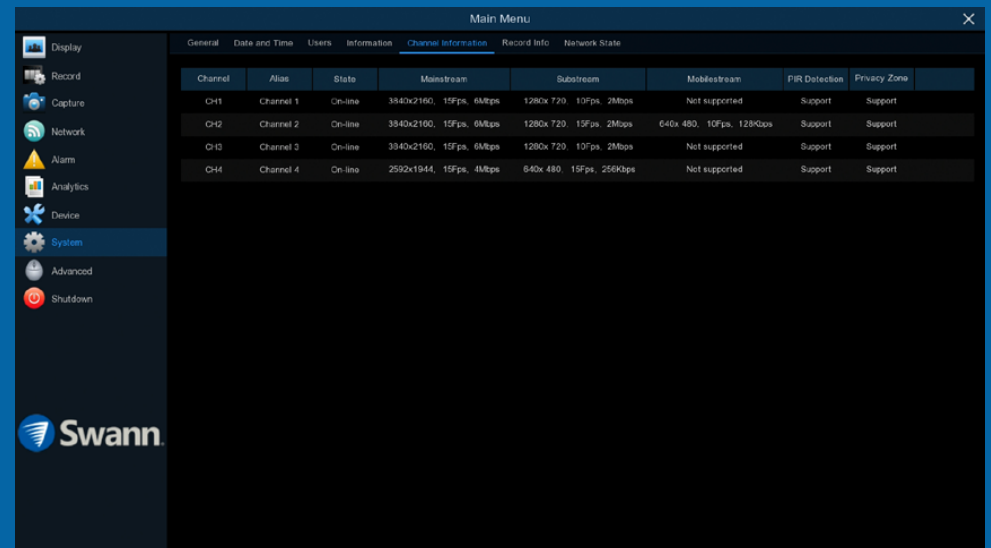
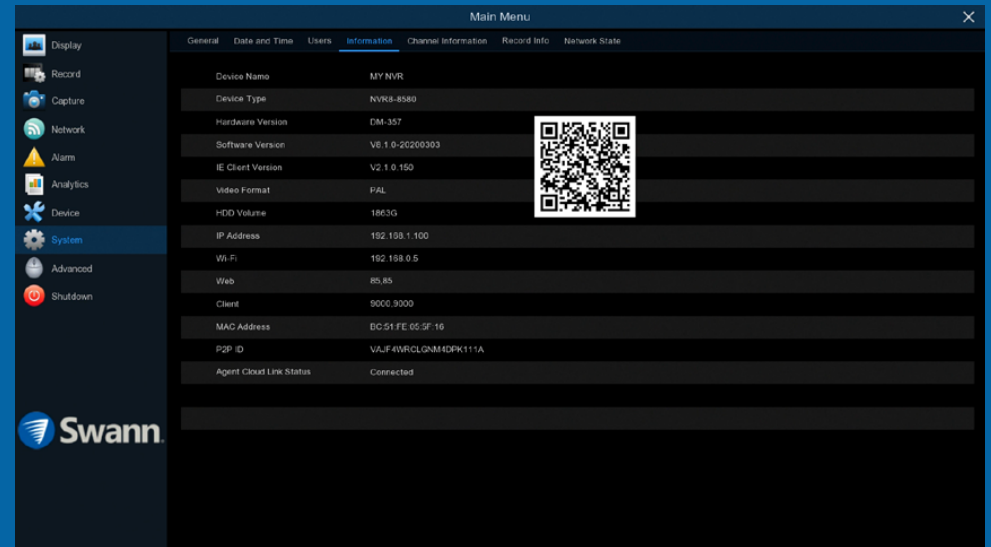
# Advanced: Remote Support



If you call for assistance, the Remote Support function can be used by our Swann Helpdesk & Technical Support staff, to remotely connect to your NVR. This will assist them in diagnosing any issues that you may be having. This function is not used in the day-to-day operation of your NVR.

# System Status

The various status tabs give you an overview of the various settings and options that have been selected for your NVR to function. Each action that your NVR performs as well as events detected are logged, which you can search and view. If you call our helpdesk for assistance, our staff may ask you to access these tabs to assist them in solving any technical issues that you may be having.



# System: Information

Device Name	MY NVR
Device Type	NVR8-8580
Hardware Version	DM-357
Software Version	V8.1.0-20200303
IE Client Version	V2.1.0.150
Video Format	PAL
HDD Volume	1865G
IP Address	192.168.1.100
Wi-Fi	192.168.0.5
Web	85.85
Client	9000.9000
MAC Address	BC:51:FE:05:5F:16
P2P ID	VAJF-4WRCLGNMADPK111A
Agent Cloud Link Status	Connected

You can scan the QR code to pair your NVR in the Swann Security app.

This tab displays technical information about your NVR as well as your device ID (P2P ID) and QR code. If you call our helpdesk for assistance, our staff may ask you to access this tab to assist them in solving any technical issues that you may be having.

**MAC Address:** You can use this as a recovery password if you have forgotten your current password.

If you call our helpdesk for assistance, our staff may ask you to access this tab to assist them in solving any technical issues that you may be having.

**Write down your MAC Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

# System: Channel Information & Record Info

Channel	Alias	State	Mainstream	Substream	Moblstream	PIR Detection	Privacy Zone
CH1	Channel 1	On-line	3840x2160, 15Fps, 6Mbps	1280x 720, 10Fps, 2Mbps	Not supported	Support	Support
CH2	Channel 2	On-line	3840x2160, 15Fps, 6Mbps	1280x 720, 15Fps, 2Mbps	640x 480, 10Fps, 128Kbps	Support	Support
CH3	Channel 3	On-line	3840x2160, 15Fps, 6Mbps	1280x 720, 10Fps, 2Mbps	Not supported	Support	Support
CH4	Channel 4	On-line	2592x1944, 15Fps, 4Mbps	640x 480, 15Fps, 256Kbps	Not supported	Support	Support

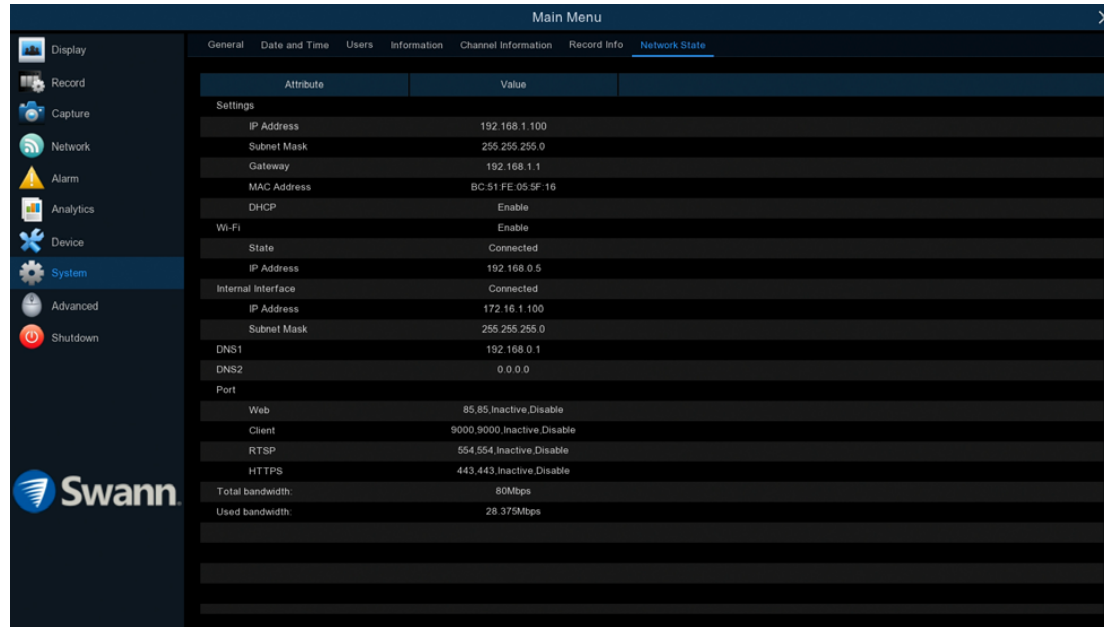
Displays the Mainstream, Substream and the recording settings used for each camera connected (for Record Info, the settings will only be shown when one or more cameras are recording).

If you call our helpdesk for assistance, our staff may ask you to access this tab to assist them in solving any technical issues that you may be having.

Right-click the mouse to exit.

Channel	Record State	Record Enable	Stream Type	FPS	Bitrate	Resolution
CH1	ON	Enable	DualStream	15Fps   10Fps	6Mbps   2Mbps	3840x2160   1280x720
CH2	ON	Enable	DualStream	15Fps   15Fps	6Mbps   2Mbps	3840x2160   1280x720
CH3	ON	Enable	DualStream	15Fps   10Fps	6Mbps   2Mbps	3840x2160   1280x720
CH4	ON	Enable	DualStream	15Fps   15Fps	6Mbps   2Mbps	3840x2160   1280x720

# System: Network State



Attribute	Value
<b>Settings</b>	
IP Address	192.168.1.100
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway	192.168.1.1
MAC Address	BC 51 FE 05 5F 16
DHCP	Enable
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	
State	Enable
IP Address	192.168.0.5
Internal Interface	Connected
IP Address	172.16.1.100
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
DNS1	192.168.0.1
DNS2	0.0.0.0
<b>Port</b>	
Web	85,85,Inactive_Disable
Client	9000,9000,Inactive_Disable
RTSP	554,554,Inactive_Disable
HTTPS	443,443,Inactive_Disable
Total bandwidth	80Mbps
Used bandwidth	28.375Mbps

Displays the network settings used by your NVR.

If you call our helpdesk for assistance, our staff may ask you to access this tab to assist them in solving any technical issues that you may be having.

Right-click the mouse to exit.

# Search: Log

The screenshot displays the 'Search' interface with the 'Log' tab selected. The left sidebar contains search filters: 'Start Time' (06/06/2020 00:00:00), 'End Time' (06/06/2020 23:59:59), and 'Log Type' (All). The main area shows a table of log entries with columns: Channel, Type, TIME, CCN, RECORD, and Playback. The table lists various events such as 'Alarm', 'Human & Vehicle', and 'System' with their respective timestamps and actions like 'PD Start' or 'PD End'. Red callouts are placed over the interface: 1 points to the start/end time selection area, 2 points to the 'Log Type' dropdown, 3 points to the search button at the bottom left, and 4 points to the backup button at the bottom right.

Channel	Type	TIME	CCN	RECORD	Playback
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:06:07	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:06:08 - 00:06:08	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:06:36	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	System	06/06/2020 00:07:50	NTP		
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:15:16	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:15:16 - 00:15:18	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:15:40 - 00:15:42	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:15:57 - 00:15:59	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:16:27	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:19:25	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:19:24 - 00:19:26	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:19:54	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:20:39	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:20:38 - 00:20:40	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:21:08	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:21:18	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:21:17 - 00:21:19	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:21:47	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:30:15	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:30:14 - 00:30:16	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:30:44	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:35:03	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:35:02 - 00:35:04	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:35:32	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:36:44	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:36:44 - 00:36:45	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:37:13	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:38:59	PD Start	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Human & Vehicle	[06/06/2020] 00:38:59 - 00:39:00	Vehicle	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH3	Alarm	06/06/2020 00:39:28	PD End	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

Each action that your NVR performs as well as events detected are logged. These log files can be searched, viewed and copied to a USB flash drive for safe keeping.

- 1 Start/End Time:** Click the calendar icon to select the month, year and date that you would like to search on. Click the dialogue box to enter a specific start and end time.
- 2 Log Type:** Leave the default selection or click the drop down menu to select a specific action that you would like to search for.
- 3 Search:** Click this to display a list of log files that match your search criteria. Double-click a file to display information about that log.
- 4 Backup:** Insert a USB flash drive to your NVR then click this to copy the log files that match your search criteria. You have the choice of formatting the flash drive or creating a new folder if required. Click "OK" to save then click "OK" again to close.

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**3D-Noise Filter:** Is an enhanced form of digital noise reduction. The advancement in technology enables noise to be filtered even more effectively from the image, even in low light conditions.

**50Hz:** Is the mains frequency used in the UK, Australia and most European countries.

**60Hz:** Is the mains frequency used in the United States, Canada and some Latin American countries.

**AGC (Automatic Gain Control):** In low light conditions, the camera will automatically boost the gain control so that people and objects can be seen more clearly. The advantage of this technique is that your camera will produce images in much lower light conditions. The downside is that the amplification will increase the video noise visible.

**AHD:** Is an analogue high definition closed-circuit television video surveillance standard that uses coax cable to transmit HD video from security cameras to DVRs. AHD supports 720p and 1080p HD video resolutions.

**Analytics:** Are a series of functions that provide you with much greater control on your DVR or NVR detects motion. Some examples are drawing a detection line and applying a rule on which direction motion is detected or defining specific areas that you want to monitor for motion.

**Anti-flicker:** As fluorescent lighting operates at the same frequency as your mains power, this will cause luminance flicker when viewed through the camera. Enabling the anti-flicker options available can reduce or eliminate the flicker that is visible.

**Anti-smearing:** A smear effect means that a bright vertical line originating from a bright light source appears in the image. This happens especially with back lighting. Enabling this allows people and objects to be seen correctly

against a very bright background.

**Auto DNS (Domain Name System):** A service that stores domain names and translates them into internet protocol addresses. For example, www.google.com will have a DNS server address that is equivalent to 74.125.224.72. The DNS server is automatically provided by your internet service provider.

**Auto-focus:** Will adjust the lens of your camera to focus on an object being viewed.

**Bandwidth:** In computer networks, bandwidth is used as a synonym for data transfer rate, the amount of data that can be carried from one point to another in a given time period (usually a second). Network bandwidth is usually expressed in bits per second (bps).

**Bitrate:** The amount of data that your DVR or NVR will use to record video. The higher the bitrate, the more space each recording will consume on the hard drive. Increasing this will also consume more bandwidth when streaming. Unit of measurement is either Mbps (megabits per second) or kbps (kilobits per second).

**BLC (Back Light Compensation):** Improves exposure of an object that is in front of a light source. It does this by splitting the whole image into different regions, and then applying separate exposure levels to those regions.

**Brightness:** This changes how light the image appears to be. Its value is different in darkness to that in daylight. For example, the lights from car headlights appears to be brighter at night.

**CDS:** This allows the image to be set by the camera's light sensor. A CDS sensor is basically a resistor that changes its resistive value (in ohms) depending on how much light is shining onto the sensor.



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**Cloud:** Cloud computing is a model for delivering information technology services in which resources are retrieved from the internet through web-based tools and applications rather than a direct connection to a server. Services such as Dropbox, Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive are just some of the examples of cloud computing.

**Compound Stream:** Indicates that your DVR or NVR is recording video and audio at the same time.

**Contrast:** This increases the difference between the blackest black and the whitest white in the image. Without contrast you wouldn't have an image because there wouldn't be any differentiation between light and dark.

**Covert:** The camera will detect motion and trigger your DVR or NVR to record, but you will not see an image of the camera in Live View mode.

**DDNS (Dynamic DNS):** Is a service that converts IP addresses into host names (a host name is a lot easier than trying to remember an IP address). It also supports dynamic IP addresses, such as those assigned by a DHCP server. This makes DDNS a good fit for home networks, which normally receives an IP address from the ISP that will change occasionally.

**DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol):** Uses an appropriate server or router to enable dynamic assignment of an IP address to a device connected to the network.

**Display Resolution:** Is the number of pixels supported by your TV or VGA monitor or the output signal of a viewing device, e.g. your DVR or NVR.

**DNS Server:** Is a standard technology for managing public names of web sites and other internet domains. DNS technology allows you to type names into your web browser which your computer will automatically find the address on the internet.

**Dropbox:** Is a file hosting service that allows you to store and share snapshots and video recordings from your DVR or NVR.

**DST (Daylight Saving Time):** Is the period of the year when clocks are moved one hour ahead.

**DualStream:** A process where your DVR or NVR will record both Mainstream and Substream video at the same time.

**Format:** Is a command that prepares a storage device such as a USB flash drive or hard drive to hold data.

**Firmware:** The software that operates a discrete device (e.g. your smartphone). It is referred to in this way rather than software as it is integral to the operation of the device.

**Frame Rate:** The measurement of the rate that pictures are displayed to create a video feed. The unit of measurement is frames per second (fps).

**Gateway:** Is a node or router that routes traffic from a device on your home network to the outside network that is providing access to the internet.

**H.264+:** Mass video data requires increased storage capacity. To resolve this issue, video compression technologies are used to reduce the data while maintaining image quality. H.264+ is an innovative encoding technology aimed at surveillance video.

**H.265:** Is a video compression standard and one of several potential successors to the widely used H.264. It offers double the data compression ratio at the same level of video quality.

**Hardware:** A physical device such as your DVR or NVR.

**HDD (Hard Disk Drive):** Is a storage device located inside your DVR or NVR. It is where all data is kept, saved and stored.

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**HTTP Port (Hypertext Transfer Protocol):** This port is used to log into the web browser interface of your DVR or NVR (if available) using a web client.

**Hue:** Is somewhat synonymous to what is usually referred to as colors. By altering the hue, you can change the color mix of the image.

**IP Address:** The address of a device attached to the network. Each device on the network must use a unique address.

**IP Filtering:** Is a great way to limit access to your network devices for specific groups of IP addresses.

**Live View:** Is the default display mode for your DVR or NVR. Each camera connected will be displayed on-screen.

**MAC Address:** Is a unique identifier for network hardware. Can also be used as a super password if you have forgotten your current password.

**Mainstream:** Is the video stream that your DVR or NVR will display and record.

**Mask:** Is used to obscure part of your image for privacy. It can also be used to minimise false triggers when your DVR or NVR detects motion. Any area obscured won't be shown live or recorded.

**Menu:** Is where you control the various actions and options that are available on your DVR or NVR.

**Motion Detection:** Is the main method used by your DVR or NVR to detect motion and is an essential part of your security system. It does this by comparing one frame of video with the next. A certain amount of difference between these two frames is interpreted as motion.

**NAS (Network Attached Storage):** A network device with one or more HDDs that other network devices can use as if the storage was connected directly.

**NIC (Network Interface Controller):** The hardware component that allows a device to connect to a network.

**NTP (Network Time Protocol):** Is used to synchronize your DVR or NVR's clock automatically with a network time server. Most time servers are on the internet.

**NTSC:** Is the video system used in North America, Canada and some Latin American countries. In NTSC, 30 frames are transmitted each second.

**Optical Zoom:** Is a true zoom feature. It allows you to zoom in (or out) on an object to get a closer view by using the camera's lens.

**OSD (On-screen Display):** Display information from the camera such as time, date and camera name on-screen.

**Overscan:** Is mainly used on older television sets to display the entire viewable area correctly on-screen. It does this by cutting off the edges of the picture. This is not required for modern Plasma and LCD TVs as the image is digitally processed to display the correct aspect ratio.

**Pack Duration:** Instructs your DVR or NVR to split recordings into discrete units. Each unit can be a maximum of 60 minutes in length. Your DVR or NVR will play these as one continual video.

**PAL:** Is the video system used in the United Kingdom, Australia and most European countries. In PAL, 25 frames are transmitted each second.

**PIR (Passive Infrared):** Cameras that have a built-in PIR sensor can sense movement of warm objects including people, cars and animals.

**Post-record:** Instructs your DVR or NVR to record for a set period of time after an event has occurred.

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**PPPoE (Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet):** Is the most common method that your router uses to login to your ISP to enable your internet connection. This setting also exists on the DVR or NVR, but is only for advanced users as the configuration required is difficult to complete.

**Pre-record:** Allows your DVR or NVR to record for a number of seconds before an event occurs.

**Privacy Zone:** See Mask for information.

**Resolution:** The measure of detail that can be seen in an image. The higher the number, the greater the detail available.

**RTSP (Real Time Streaming Protocol):** A network protocol designed to transmit video and audio information over networks and the internet in real time.

**Saturation:** This alters how much color is displayed in the image. The higher the saturation, the more bright and vivid colors will appear.

**Server Port:** Is a logical connection place and specifically, using the internet protocol TCP/IP, the way a client program specifies a particular server program on a computer in a network.

**SEQ:** Puts the DVR or NVR in sequence mode. This will repeatedly cycle through each video channel for a predetermined time in Live View mode.

**S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis & Reporting Technology):** This is an automatic system on modern HDDs and SSDs to detect potential drive errors before they occur.

**SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol):** This is used to send an outbound email (e.g. from your DVR or NVR to an email address).

**SMTP Port:** Is the port number used by a SMTP server to listen for email

send requests. This is specified by your email provider.

**SMTP Server:** This is the address of the server used for SMTP. Usually in the form of a web address (e.g. smtp.gmail.com).

**Software:** A set of instructions that runs on a computing device.

**SSID:** Is the technical term for a wireless network name. When you setup a wireless network, you give it a name to distinguish it from other networks in your neighbourhood.

**SSL (Secure Socket Layer):** A secure method for connecting to servers. In the context of the DVR or NVR, primarily used for email server connections.

**Static:** When referring to IP addresses, this is where a device's IP address has been manually entered. Sometimes used on older devices without UIDs to prepare for internet access.

**Static DNS:** In some circumstances, your internet service provider may require you to use a static DNS instead of an auto DNS on your router.

**Substream:** Is the video stream that your DVR or NVR will send to remote devices via the network or internet. Video quality is reduced to make it easier to send.

**Subnet Mask:** Used to define which part of the IP address refers to the network location.

**Tag:** Allows you to record information such as a person or object within a video. You can then commence a search so tags matching your criteria will be displayed. This is a faster method of identification when searching.

**Time Server:** Is a server that reads the actual time from a reference clock and distributes the information to its clients on the network.

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**Time Zone:** Is a region that observes a uniform standard time for legal, commercial, and social purposes. It is convenient for areas in close communication to keep the same time.

**Timestamp:** Is a sequence of characters or encoded information identifying when a certain event occurred, usually giving date and time of day, sometimes accurate to a small fraction of a second.

**TVI:** Is a digital signal processing and transport technology for video used in HD security cameras. TVI cameras currently support 1080p video resolution using the same coaxial cabling techniques used by traditional CCTV cameras.

**UID (Unique Identifier):** Is an alphanumeric string that is associated with a single entity within a given system. By entering your UID into the mobile app or computer software, this allows you to communicate with your DVR or NVR without having to remember IP addresses or port numbers.

**UPnP (Universal Plug and Play):** A network protocol designed to allow network connected devices to automatically configure the router for the purposes of remote access. Not required to be enabled when using UID.

**VCA (Video Content Analysis):** Is a new method for triggering recording and events. This uses the image processing system of the DVR or NVR & camera to set specific triggers for recording (such as line crossing or intrusion). This system does use more processing power, therefore it may not be available on all devices.

**Video Loss:** Is regarded as a potential alarm event and is considered to occur any time your DVR or NVR doesn't receive an active video signal from any one of its video inputs.

**Video Quality Diagnostics:** Enables your DVR or NVR to alert you if the camera has a blurred image, abnormal brightness or unwanted tint in the image

due to the lighting and white balance of the camera (known as Color Cast).

**Video Stream:** Indicates that your DVR or NVR is recording a video stream only.

**Watermark:** Is an identifying image (usually a logo) that is intentionally superimposed onto another image. Its purpose is to make it more difficult for the original image to be copied or used without permission.

**WDR (Wide Dynamic Range):** Is technology to balance out images that have a large dynamic range. An example of this situation would be if an indoor camera were pointing towards a window or building entrance. The image produced by the camera during the day would be extremely washed out due to the high brightness of the incoming light.

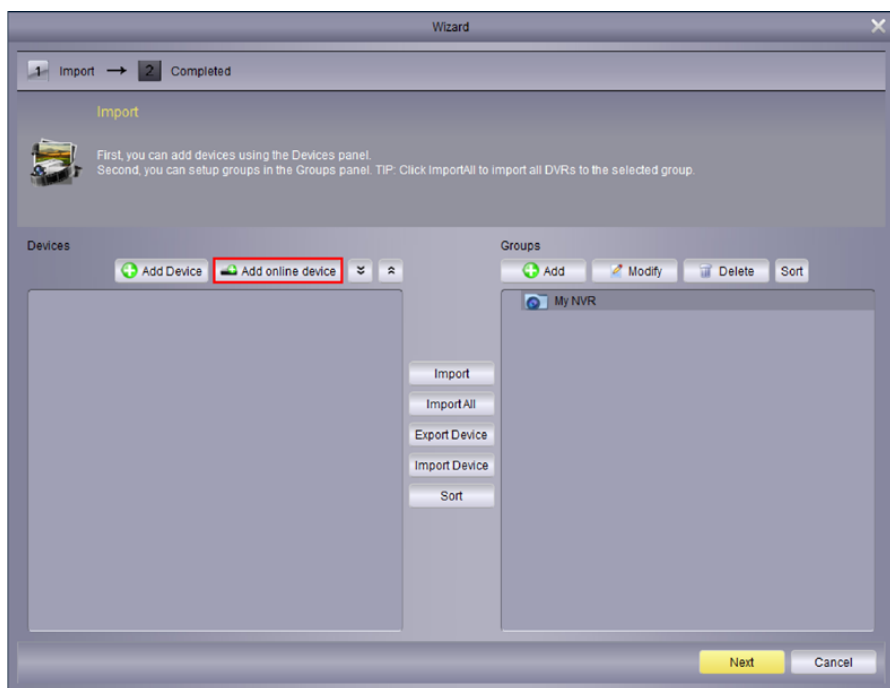
**Wi-Fi:** Is a wireless networking protocol that allows devices to communicate without direct cable connections.

# Password Recovery using HomeSafe View

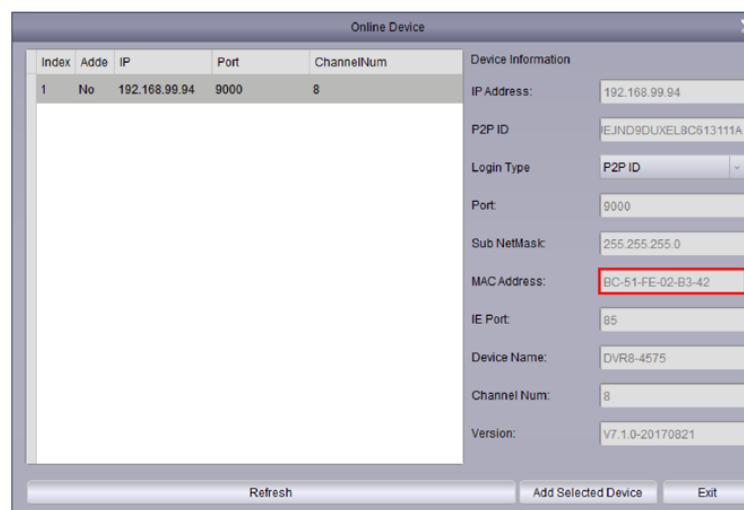
**I haven't created an email for my NVR, what can I do?** Don't worry, you can use HomeSafe View to retrieve your recovery code. You can use this to reset your NVR's password. Download the relevant version for your computer and follow the on-screen instructions to complete installation.

**HomeSafe View Windows** click [here](#). **HomeSafe View Mac** click [here](#).

1. When you first run HomeSafe View, you will see an introduction screen. Click "Next" to continue. You will see the following screen:

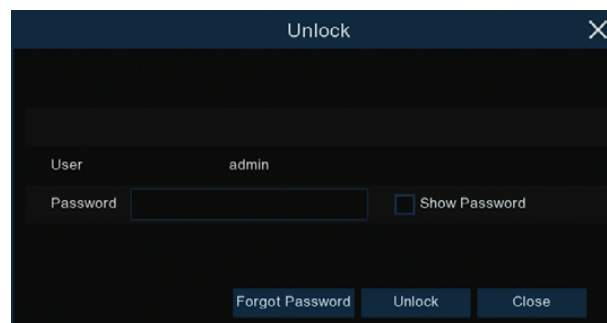


2. To display your NVR connected to your router, click the "Add online device" button as shown above (if your NVR does not appear, check that your device is connected to your router using the supplied Ethernet cable).



3. You will see this screen as shown above. Click your NVR to display its MAC Address. This is your recovery code that is used to reset the password. Write this down and replace the dashes (-) with colons (:).

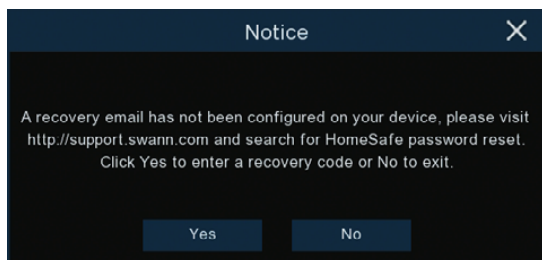
4. Now it's time to enter the recovery code on your NVR. Right-click the mouse on the Live View screen to display the Menu Bar then click "Main Menu". The login prompt will appear on-screen:



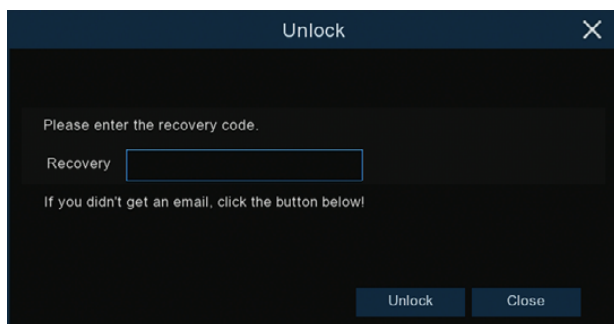
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# Password Recovery using HomeSafe View

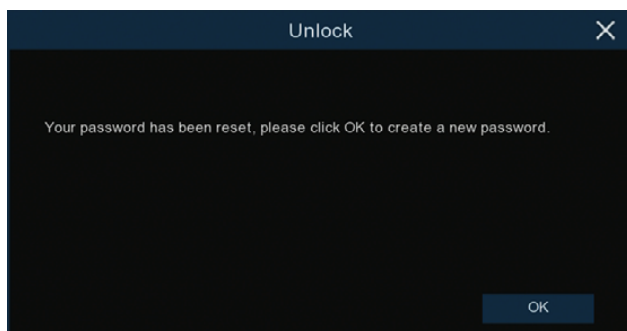
5. Click “Forgot Password”. A message will appear on-screen:



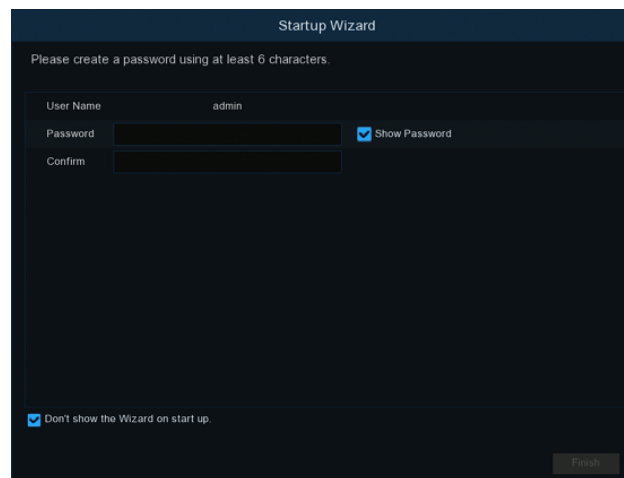
Click “Yes” to continue. The recovery code prompt will appear on-screen:



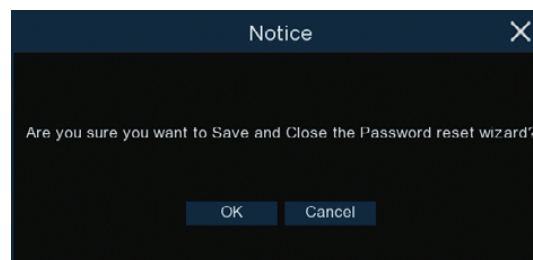
Click the dialogue box, enter the recovery code (MAC Address), for example BC:51:FE:02:B3:42 then click “OK”. A message will appear on-screen stating that the password has been reset. Click “OK” to continue.



6. You will now be prompted to enter a password:



The password has to be a minimum of six characters and can contain a mixture of numbers and letters. Use a password that you are familiar with, but is not easily known to others. Write down your password for safe keeping. When finished click “Save”. You will now see the following screen:



Click “OK” to finish.

**Don't forget to write down your password:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Can I play video(s) on my NVR that I have copied to a USB flash drive?**

Yes, you can use the Search: External File function (see [page 94](#)).

## **What is the largest hard drive that I can install inside my NVR?**

The largest hard drive you can install is 6TB (terabyte). We recommend that you purchase a drive that is surveillance rated such as the Western Digital Purple™ and Seagate Skyhawk™ range of drives.

## **Can I connect and record to a portable USB hard drive?**

No, your NVR will only record to the internal hard drive that is installed.

## **Can I connect and copy videos to a portable USB hard drive?**

Due to the nature of how portable USB hard drives operate, there is no guarantee that your drive, when connected to the NVR's USB port, will work. You'll have to give it a try. For backup purposes, we recommend using a USB flash drive.

## **How do I save video recordings that are on my NVR?**

To copy video recordings to a USB flash drive, use the Search: Events function (see [page 86](#)).

## **How do I save snapshots that are on my NVR?**

To copy snapshots to a USB flash drive, use the Search: QuickShot function (see [page 88](#)).

## **Can I use my own email address and server instead of creating a new one?**

You can providing you have the settings required for the SMTP port and server. If you don't have this, you will have to contact your internet service provider to get this information.

## **I have saved recordings to a USB flash drive to play on my Windows com-**

## **puter but it won't play in Windows Media Player, how can I play these?**

Windows Media Player doesn't have the required codecs to play recordings from your NVR. We recommend using VLC media player as it has the required codecs to play a variety of different video formats. It's free to download from [www.videolan.org](http://www.videolan.org).

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