

Singapore trials patrol robots to deter bad social behaviour



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Autonomous robot Xavier patrols a neighbourhood mall to detect "undesirable social behaviours", such as the flouting of COVID-19 safety measures, smoking in prohibited areas and improperly parked bicycles, during a three-week trial in Singapore September 6, 2021. REUTERS/Edgar Su

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - Singapore has started trialing robots to patrol public areas and deter poor social behaviour in its latest effort to further augment its strong portfolio of surveillance tools.

Ranked one of the safest countries in the world, Singapore has put two autonomous robots on trial to detect bad behaviour such as flouting of COVID-19 safety measures, smoking in prohibited areas and improperly parked bicycles.

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