How is responsible robotics different from responsible AI?



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Al is increasingly embedded in robotics

- Al-enhanced perception and sensing
- Autonomous navigation
- Natural language processing
- Machine learning for control
- Social robotics
- Robotic process automation
- Swarming and multi-agent systems
- Etc.



Applicability of EU guidelines for responsible AI

- EU Ethics guidelines for trustworthy Al
 - Human agency
 - Safety
 - Privacy
 - Fairness

- Social and environmental well-being
- Transparency
- Accountability



- Risk assessments for Al systems





Physical harm

Robots can cause physical harm to humans, property and the environment. Special safety needs.



Physical freedom and bodily integrity

Robots can touch and physically restrain humans and can restrict freedom of movement. Special rights protections needed.

Impactful decision-making

Robot decisions have more real-world impacts than Al decisions since robots can physically act on their decisions.

Privacy and surveillance

Robot-mounted cameras and sensors can invade privacy in physical spaces in ways that software Al systems cannot



Human-robot relationships

More complex than human-AI relationships because embodied and more interactive

Accountability

More complex than in AI systems, because robots operate in complex environments and outcomes are often consequential

Resulting options

Option 1: Special ethics guidelines for robotics and robotics act

Option 2: Annexes to EU Ethics guidelines for AI and AI Act

Option 3: Updating or annexing Machinery Directive and General Product Safety Directive

THANK YOU!