

**Uniforms
- Consultation Document -**

Section 52(3)(d) of the new *Security Services Act* (SSA) allow government to develop regulations respecting the wearing of uniforms, badges and insignia by persons employed or engaged in security work. The purpose of regulating uniforms is to ensure that members of the public are able to clearly identify security workers and differentiate them from police officers. Key components of the proposed regulations are set out below.

Proposed regulations

1. All uniforms, badges, logos and insignia used by licensed security businesses must be approved by the registrar. Businesses should obtain approval from the registrar before ordering or purchasing uniforms. The registrar may refuse to approve a uniform, badge, logo or insignia that is similar to that used by police officers.
2. A security worker must not wear a uniform that does not comply with the regulations, and a business must not cause a uniform to be worn that does not comply with the regulations.
3. The chest of any shirt, blouse or sweater worn as part of a uniform must display the word "SECURITY" in letters not less than ½ inch high.
4. Any outer garment worn as part of a uniform must display the word "SECURITY" in letters not less than 2 inches high.
5. Any cap worn as part of a uniform must display the word "SECURITY" on a cloth badge or embroidery.
6. Trousers worn by a security worker must not display coloured stripes down the sides, other than reflective safety stripes.
7. If a uniform is worn, the name of the business employing or engaging the security worker must be visible on the uniform at all times, either on a shirt, cap or outer garment.
8. A security worker must not wear a uniform while employed or engaged in the work of a private investigator.
9. Security workers must not carry or use badges while employed or engaged in security work, other than a cloth badge attached to the approved uniform.
10. Security workers must not wear an equipment belt that consists of an over-the-shoulder strap linked to a waist belt.

The purpose of this consultation document is to solicit input from the security industry and other interested stakeholders on the proposed regulations. If you have any questions or want to provide feedback on this consultation document, please e-mail SPDSSA@gov.bc.ca by November 18, 2007.