

# Specific Requirements and Training for a SECURITY GUARD

This is a simple outline of the requirements and training guidelines to do with the particular security licence type, *Security Guard*. More complete and detailed information, plus links to legislation, policies and contacts, can be found on the Security Industry and Licensing website: [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry)

It is important to refer to the “Guide for Security Workers” when you are ready to submit an application to the Registrar. You may download the guide from: [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/worker/forms-guide.htm](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/worker/forms-guide.htm)

#### Notes:

- It is not necessary to first hold a Security Guard *under supervision* licence type before applying for a full Security Guard licence type. If you have the training and qualifications, you may apply for a full licence.
- If you are employed by a business that does not hold a security business licence (such as a hospital, retail store or university), you do not require a licence to work as a Security Guard (in-house) until September 1, 2009.
- Security guards who provide or supervise a guard of an individual (bodyguard) or who provide door security at an establishment licensed under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act (doorperson), you do not require a licence for security guard work until November 1, 2009.

#### DESCRIPTION:

A licensed security guard provides or supervises a guard patrol or watch of property; monitors or responds to security alarms installed on the property of another person (bodyguard); provides or supervises the guard of an individual; performs services to prevent the loss of property; and/or provides door security (door person) at an establishment licensed under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. (See Security Services Regulation sections 3(10) and 15(4) item 12)

#### TRAINING, EXPERIENCE and/or QUALIFICATIONS:

- You must complete the Basic Security Training.
- If your employer will require you to use dogs while providing security guard work, you must complete the validation process administered by the Justice Institute of B.C. (See *Security Licensing Process and Licence Conditions Policies section 3.5.2*)
- If your employer will require you to use restraints (i.e., handcuffs) while providing security guard work, you must complete Advanced Security Training course provided by the Justice Institute of B.C. (See *Security Licensing Process and Licence Conditions Policies section 3.3*)
- You are expected to be sufficiently fluent in the English language to converse with the public while carrying out your duties as a security guard.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING YOUR LICENCE:

You must comply with the Security Services Act and Regulations, which include, *but are not limited to*, the following requirements:

- Ensure all information the Registrar holds on you is up to date (residential address, any new criminal charges or convictions, a change in peace officer status, treatment for a mental condition or change in legal name).
- Keep the security worker licence current and carry the licence at all times when providing security work.
- Complete use-of-force reports detailing any incident when any type of force against another person was used while engaged in security work. This report must be filed with your employer.
- Follow the Security Service Act Code of Conduct, ensuring you carry out your work as a licensed security worker in a professional, honest and respectful way.
- While engaged in security work, you may not carry or use a restraining device, any weapon, ammunition or device prohibited by the Criminal Code, or any other item designed for debilitating or controlling a person or animal UNLESS authorized by the Registrar.
- If you are authorized by the Registrar to use dogs and/or use restraints (i.e., handcuffs), you are expected to take the re-qualification courses as outlined in respective policies 3.3 and 3.5.