

# Getting into security

Secure your future!

## Should I consider security?

### Do you...

- get on with people?
- make decisions easily?
- have the patience and the ability to deal tactfully with people?
- have the ability to keep accurate records?
- act reliably and honestly?
- possess good observational skills?
- have plenty of common sense?
- have a reasonable standard of fitness?

Find out more

# What can I do?

Few or no qualifications



- Door Supervisor
- Security Officer
- Store Detective
- Parking Attendant
- Neighbourhood Warden
- Event Security Officer



Some qualifications or some experience



- Private Detective
- Supervisor/Team Leader
- Security Manager
- Police Community Support Officer
- Bodyguard/Close Protection Officer



Progression routes



- Management
- Self Employment - Own your Business
- Public Service - Uniformed Services
- Police Service
- Prison Service
- Army, Navy, Air Force

## Getting into the sector

You do not need formal qualifications to enter the sector although a SIA (Security Industry Authority) licence is often required. For some jobs you may need to have a driving licence.

## Benefits

- Flexible hours
- Free uniform
- Transferable skills - easier progression into uniformed public services
- Freelance opportunities

## Salary (per year unless otherwise stated)

- Door Supervisor £7-£12 per hour
- Security Officer £15-£20k
- Neighbourhood Warden £15-£19k
- Private Detective £14-£20k
- Bodyguard £100-£500 per day
- Police Community Support Officer £16-£19k

## Local opportunities

This is a growing sector across the West of England with more job opportunities due to new developments such as Cabot Circus, Bath SouthGate, Weston Park and Locking Parklands - opportunities include site security whilst development work is taking place or as Store Detectives once complete. In addition, there is growing concern about neighbourhood security which means employment of more Police Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Wardens is likely to increase.

## Secure work by improving your skills

Karim Abdi, Security Guard

Somalian born Karim was keen to improve his English so he could secure a job and support his wife and two small children. Karim's English was limited but he managed to get a job as a part-time Cleaner and decided to attend English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to help further his language skills. As his English improved, he worked as a Warehouse Operative, at first for an agency and later on for a local food packaging company. He continued attending ESOL classes and his English considerably improved enabling him to take a security guard training course. Karim felt that the course offered him better opportunities for secure employment and he passed with flying colours. Thanks to financial support from an Employment Links grant, he was able to apply for his Security Industry Authority Licence. Shortly afterwards Karim was offered a job as a Warehouse Security Guard with a national retail company. He is happy with his work and very pleased with his career choice as it offers flexible hours allowing him to spend plenty of time with his family.

## For more information contact:

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