

Security officers make sure that buildings, valuables or people are safe and secure. They help prevent theft and damage. They also deal with emergencies.

As a security officer, you could work for all kinds of organisations. Your role could vary depending on the industry you work in, and could include:

Patrolling	CCTV
Guarding cash	Airport security
Close protection	Searching

You would keep accurate records and write short reports, which may be used by the police or courts. Your duties could also involve customer care, signing in visitors, giving directions and working with guard dogs.

Find out what careers are available to you and how you can get there.

Visit www.skillsforsecurity.org.uk to find out why you should consider a career in the security industry.

- See what skills and qualifications you need
- Read more about careers in the security industry
- Read about peoples experiences
- Find out how much you can earn
- View career pathways
- See what courses and training is available near you
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Guarding & Keyholding

Career Route



Security Officer
Job Profile

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Career Progression Route - Guarding & Keyholding

£12,000 - £14,000	£14,000 - £18,000	£18,000 - £25,000	£25,000 - £35,000	£35,000 - £50,000	£40,000 - £100,000
Security Apprentice	Security Officer	Security Supervisor	Security Manager	Business Development Manager	Head of Security / CEO
Mate	Door Supervisor	Shift Scheduler	Search Team	Operations Manager	Investigator
Trainee Officer	CCTV Operator	Senior Door / Security Supervisor	Team Controller	Project Manager	Business Owner
General Security Officer	Security Dog Handler	Team Leader	Operations Support Manager	Senior Security Trainer	Operations Director
Storeman / Logistics	Community Warden	CCTV Supervisor	Conflict Management Trainer	Marketing / Sales / Events Manager	Managing Director
	Mobile Patrol Officer	Close Protection Officer	Physical Intervention Officer	Security Consultant	Sales Director
	Port Security Officer	Facilities Management Officer	Close Protection Supervisor	CCTV Manager	Head of R&D
	Retail Security Officer			Crowd / Safety Manager	HR Director
					QA Director

QUALIFICATIONS

GCSEs D-E in English, Maths and Science Level 2 Award for working as a security officer within the private security industry (QCF)	Level 2 Providing Security Services Apprenticeship Level 2 Award for working as a security officer within the private security industry (QCF) First Aid at Work Certificate Level 2 Award for Working as a Door Supervisor (QCF) Level 2 Award Disengagement & Physical Intervention Skills (QCF)	Level 2 Providing Security Services Apprenticeship First Aid at Work Certificate Health & Safety at Work Cert Level 3 First Line Security Management Apprenticeship Level 3 Award for Security Officers (QCF) Award in Security Guarding SCQF Level 6.	Level 2 Providing Security Services Apprenticeship Qualification from British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) Qualification from Insitution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) Physical Intervention Training Spectator Safety (6852)	Level 4 Award in Security and Risk Management (QCF) Qualification from Insitution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health	Level 5 Diploma Security Management of the Security Institute Foundation Degree in Security and Risk Management Masters in Security Management or similar or MBA BA in Security and Risk Management
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SKILLS AND REQUIREMENTS

Professional or educational activities over the last 5 years Credit & Criminal Record Checks Excellent Communication Skills IT Literate SIA licence BS 8517 requires a minimum of 50 hours training for a GP Security Dog Handler	Professional or educational activities over the last 5 years Credit & Criminal Record Checks Excellent Communication Skills IT Literate SIA licence BS 7984 requires a minimum of 16 hours training for a Mobile Patrol Officer carrying out keyholding duties	Professional or educational activities over the last 5 years Credit & Criminal Record Checks Excellent Communication Skills IT Literate Experience in the security industry SIA licence	Professional or educational activities over the last 5 years IT Literate Excellent Communication Skills Experience in Leadership & Management Security Industry experience Excellent relationship building skills Member of a security institute or professional body SIA licence	Experience in Leadership & Management Security Industry experience IT Literate Excellent communication skills ILM / Security institute / professional body Member Excellent negotiation & presentation skills Training in financial acumen SIA licence	Excellent communication & relationship building skills Police or military background Recruitment skills Leadership and Management Security industry experience Security commerce experience ILM / Security institute / professional body Member Training in financial acumen SIA licence
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