



Industry sector at a glance

Security

About

The security sector is generally divided in to two separate functions:

Public Security

Is the function of Governments which ensures the prevention, protection, and reaction to situations where citizens and infrastructure are at risk from harm and threats. This involves the military, all of the emergency services, police service and other public services.

Private Security

Private enterprises, that provide a wide range of activities for the manufacture, sale, installation and maintenance of technical security measures; as well as individuals that protect people, premises and property.

Roles available

There are many different roles available in security, here are just a few:

 Event security staff	 Security guard	 Contract bailiffs
 CCTV operators	 Community wardens	 Door supervisors
 Cash and valuables in transit	 Close protection officer	

Security roles are varied and determined by the type of work being provided.



What it takes to work in Security

Here are some of the qualities required to work in security:

 Safety conscious	 Working independently	 Good judgement
 Flexible	 Communication	 Commitment
 Good physical health	 Teamwork	

Did you know?



The **Private Security Act 2001** was introduced to regulate the private security industry and introduce a set of standards. This act also established the **Security Industry Authority (SIA)** which is part of the Home Office.

The number of security licences issued in the UK to 1 August 2020 are as follows:

 272,741 Door Supervisor	 7,310 Cash and valuables in transit	 14,922 Close Protection
 63,826 Security Guard	 52,188 CCTV Operator	



You must be **18 years and over** to work in security in the UK.

A criminal record check must be completed on everyone who wants to work in security. Depending on the role you apply for, you'll be required to undergo a Basic, Standard or Enhanced check. Protecting Vulnerable Groups is the disclosure scheme in Scotland.

 Basic disclosure	 Standard disclosure
 Enhanced disclosure	 Protecting vulnerable groups

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