

Preassignment training study guide: Security guards

Preassignment training must include the following areas of required knowledge:

Basic principles

1. Basic role of the security guard.
2. Washington State licensing laws.
3. Observation.
4. Proper actions, reactions, ethics and diversity.
5. Homeland Security – Terrorism and Surveillance.


Resources

- [Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [Washington State Laws Regulating Private Security Guards](#)
- Protection Officers Training Manual (available at many online retailers)

Legal powers and limitations

1. Citizen arrest.
2. Authority to detain, question, or search a private citizen.
3. Authority to search or seize private property.
4. Use of force.
5. Building relationships with law enforcement.
6. Avoiding liability

Resources

- [Criminal Justice Training Commission: Study Guide – Use of Force](#)
- [Washington Criminal Code](#)
- [Uniform Regulation of Business and Professions Act](#)
- Protection Officers Training Manual
-  [Citizen Arrest](#)

Emergency Response

1. How to define what is or is not an emergency situation.
2. Response to fires.
3. Response to medical emergencies.
4. Response to criminal acts.
5. Bomb threats.

Resources

- [Mayo Clinic: First Aid](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms](#)

Safety and accident prevention

1. Hazardous materials including MSDS.
2. Accident reporting.

Resources

- [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)
- [Material Safety Data Sheet](#)
- Protection Officers Training Manual

Report writing. It's a legal document

1. Elements and characteristics of a report.

Resources

- [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#)
- Protection Officers Training Manual