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Security Guards

Security guards are everywhere, it seems, and with today's increased security concerns, their numbers are growing. A security guard's main job is to patrol an area and to assist when trouble breaks out. While some guards basically stay in one spot, keeping a close watch on things, other guards are more mobile. And property protection is not their only job: some guards keep watch over private information, such as computer codes.

Are you physically strong and observant? If so, a career as a **security guard** may be for you.

Security guards protect property, people and information. Many patrol an area and provide assistance if trouble occurs.

Are You Ready To...?

- Spend long hours on your feet
- Think and act fast when trouble occurs
- Watch closed-circuit TV screens
- Write reports
- Conduct security checks
- Deter or detain criminals

It Helps To Be...

Mentally alert and able to think fast on your feet. But this isn't a job for excitement seekers; security guards need to have a high tolerance for routine.

A Day In The Life...

- Monitor and authorize entrance and departure of employees, visitors and other persons to guard against theft and maintain security of premises
- Write reports of daily activities and irregularities such as equipment or property damage, theft, presence of unauthorized persons or unusual occurrences
- Answer alarms and investigate disturbances

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$14.16

*That comes out to more than
\$29,461 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
5,757 Security Guards.
By 2026, we'll need 6,422.**

Could you be one of the 665?

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After High School...

Security guards include both unarmed and armed guards. Unarmed guards usually do not need a high school diploma, but armed guards do. To become an armed guard, individuals must have **training** plus a **license** to carry weapons.



Top 5 Industries for Security Guards

1. Investigation and Security Services
2. Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)
3. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
4. Elementary and Secondary Schools
5. Facilities Support Services

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Related College Majors

- Corrections
- Criminal Justice
- Human Services
- Psychology
- Social Work

Related Industry Certifications

- Certified Cargo Security Professional
- Certified Corrections Manager— Security Threat Groups
- Certified Corrections Supervisor— Security Threat Groups
- Certified Protection Officer
- Certified Protection Professional

Related Careers

- Correctional Officers
- Detectives
- Firefighters
- Police Officers
- Private Detectives

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